

"Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."

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HB 535

MILITARY BENEFITS (Perales, R.)

To extend employment and reemployment protection to a person who is a member of another state's national guard or organized militia and who is employed in Ohio.

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CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION

SB 225

AWARENESS DAY (Bacon, K.)

To designate the first day of June as "Hypoparathyroidism Awareness Day."

Thursday, Nov. 17

HB 270

OVERDOSE DEATHS (Dever, J., Pelanda, D.)

To provide that causing the death of another person by an overdose that results from the offender's sale, distribution, dispensation, or administration of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog is a violation of the offense of involuntary manslaughter and to make this provision a strict liability offense.

Thursday, Nov. 17

HB 520

RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (Schuring, K., Ramos, D.)

To revise the law governing the state's public retirement systems.

Thursday, Nov. 17

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 300

LICENSE SUSPENSIONS (Baker, N., Manning, N.)

To modify the law governing the termination or modification of a lifetime driver's license suspension or a class two suspension that exceeds fifteen years, to specify that a class one driver's license suspension for a specified aggravated vehicular homicide offense begins upon the offender's release from prison, and to expand the purposes for which limited driving privileges may be granted during a driver's license suspension.

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HOUSE ELECTS MEMBER

WES GOODMAN, REPUBLICAN, 87TH DISTRICT

CANDICE KELLER, REPUBLICAN, 53RD DISTRICT

REFERRED

Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Public Safety

HB 615

MILITARY LICENSE PLATES (Johnson, G.)

To allow a military veteran license plate to include the names of multiple military operations on one license plate.

Community & Family Advancement

HB 618

RECORD EXPUNGEMENT (Schuring, K., Reece, A.)

To provide for the expungement of official records related to the apprehension, arrest, criminal charging, or trial of a person based on mistaken identity.

Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development

HB 616

BANKING LAW (Amstutz, R.)

For the purpose of enacting a new banking law for the State of Ohio.

Government Accountability & Oversight

HJR 9

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (Amstutz, R., Curtin, M.)

Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to adopt the recommendation of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission relative to the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay the costs of facilities for mental health and developmental disabilities, parks and recreation, and housing of agencies of state government.

HJR 10

OBSOLETE BOND PROVISIONS (Amstutz, R., Curtin, M.)

Proposing to enact Section 18 of Article VIII and to repeal Sections 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, 2j, and 2k of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to adopt the recommendation of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission that obsolete bond-authorizing provisions be eliminated.

HJR 11**SINKING FUND (Amstutz, R., Curtin, M.)**

Proposing to amend Section 2 and to repeal Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to adopt the recommendation of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission that certain provisions concerning the sinking fund and the Sinking Fund Commission be eliminated.

HJR 12**COURTS OF CONCILIATION (Amstutz, R., Curtin, M.)**

Proposing to repeal Sections 19 and 22 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to adopt the recommendation of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission to eliminate the authority of the General Assembly to establish courts of conciliation and to eliminate the authority of the Governor to appoint a supreme court commission.

HB 613**SUNSET REVIEW LAW (Amstutz, R.)**

To revise and renew the Sunset Review Law, to require that a Sunset Review Committee be convened to function during each oddnumbered General Assembly, and to declare an emergency.

HB 617**BOARD CONSOLIDATIONS (LaTourette, S.)**

To require the Director of Administrative Services to review referred agency actions and determine whether they are consistent with state and federal antitrust law; to create the State Vision and Hearing Professionals Board, the State Behavioral Health Professionals Board, and the State Physical Health Services Board; to abolish the State Board of Optometry, the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board, the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board, and the Board of Speech Language Pathology and

Audiology and transfer those boards' duties to the State Vision and Hearing Professionals Board; to abolish the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, and the State Board of Psychology and transfer those boards' duties to the State Behavioral Health Professionals Board; to abolish the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board and the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics and transfer those boards' duties to the State Physical Health Services Board; to abolish the Ohio Board of Dietetics and transfer its duties to the State Medical Board; to abolish the Ohio Respiratory Care Board and transfer its duties to the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Medical Board; to make other changes regarding licensing and regulating certain health professionals; and to make an appropriation.

Transportation & Infrastructure

HB 614

PORT AUTHORITY MEETINGS (Patterson, J., Perales, R.)

To allow airport and port authorities to conduct meetings by video conference and teleconference.

Ways & Means

HB 612

DISASTER BUSINESS EXEMPTION (Ryan, S.)

To exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster

COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Finance

HJR 5

WATER SEWER BONDS (Lepore-Hagan, M., Smith, K.)

Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to permit the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund sewer and water capital improvements.

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SB 235

PROPERTY TAXES (Beagle, B., Coley, B.)

To exempt from property tax the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned until the completion of new commercial or industrial facilities at the property.

CONTINUED (See separate story)

HB 67

MEDICAL GRANTS (Ramos, D.)

To create the Frances Lewandowski Memorial Medical Research Fund and the Medical University Research Reserve Fund to provide grants to public medical schools for research on terminal, chronic or currently incurable diseases, to require the General Assembly annually to appropriate for those grants an amount equal to not less than one-tenth of one percent of total prior year General Revenue Fund appropriations, and to make an appropriation.

CONTINUED

HB 492

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Rogers, J., Driehaus, D.)

To create the Supplemental State Capital Improvements Pilot Program funded by a temporary

transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund and to make an appropriation.

CONTINUED

HB 583

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Becker, J.)

To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation.

RE-REFERRED (To Commerce & Labor)

HR 282

HIGHER EDUCATION (Howse, S., Ramos, D.)

To support efforts to ensure that students from Ohio have access to debt-free higher education at public colleges and universities.

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Insurance

SB 27

FIREFIGHTER CANCER (Patton, T.)

To provide that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the cancer while performing official duties as a firefighter.

CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE

HB 275

VISION CARE (Schuring, K.)

Regarding limitations imposed by health insurers on

vision care services.

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HB 416

SELF INSURANCE (Schuring, K.)

To enable state colleges and universities to establish joint self-insurance pools.

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Finance: Health & Human Services Sub.

SB 319

DRUG REGULATIONS (Eklund, J.)

To revise certain laws regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction services.

SB 332

INFANT MORTALITY (Jones, S., Tavares, C.)

To provide for the implementation of recommendations made by the Commission on Infant Mortality and to authorize pharmacists to administer by injection certain prescribed drugs.

State Government

SB 199

MILITARY FIREARMS (Uecker, J., Gardner, R.)

To specify that an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces: (1) does not need a concealed handgun license to carry a handgun concealed if the member is carrying valid military identification and a certificate indicating successful small arms qualification; and (2) may be sold or furnished a handgun if the member has received military or equivalent small arms training.

SB 220

DEFERRED COMPENSATION (Hottinger, J.)

To authorize the Ohio Public Employees Deferred

Compensation Board and local governments to establish designated Roth account features and other tax-deferred or nontax-deferred features permitted for government deferred compensation plans.

HB 529

FIREARMS (Retherford, W., Hagan, C.)

To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training or comparable training and who is authorized to carry firearms by the law enforcement agency the professional is serving to carry firearms while on duty in the same manner, to the same extent, in the same areas, and subject to the same potential for civil and criminal liability as a law enforcement officer of the agency; and to grant such a professional, while on duty in that capacity, the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license.

HB 551

FOOD INSPECTIONS (Hill, B.)

To require the Director of Agriculture and the Director of Health to adopt rules governing reviews of registered sanitarians and sanitarians-in-training who conduct inspections of retail food establishments and food service operations.

Public Utilities

HB 554

RENEWABLE ENERGY (Amstutz, R.)

To revise the requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency savings, and peak demand reduction and to revise provisions governing which customers can opt out of related programs.

SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD (See separate story)

Health & Aging

SB 165

LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT (Lehner, P.)

To establish procedures for the use of medical orders for life-sustaining treatment and to make changes to the laws governing DNR identification and orders.

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SB 245

MALNUTRITION (Manning, G.)

To create the Malnutrition Prevention Commission to study malnutrition among older adults.

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SB 291

AWARENESS MONTH (Yuko, K.)

To designate September as "Pain Awareness Month."

REPORTED

HB 580

MONTH DESIGNATION (Johnson, T., Huffman, S.)

To designate the month of November as "One Health Awareness Month."

REPORTED

HB 603

PALLIATIVE CARE (LaTourette, S.)

To create the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Interdisciplinary Council, to establish the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, and to require health care facilities to identify patients and residents who could benefit from palliative care.

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HB 611

HOSPITAL AFTER-CARE (LaTourette, S.)

To provide for the designation of a lay person to provide after-care to a hospital inpatient and participate in discharge planning.

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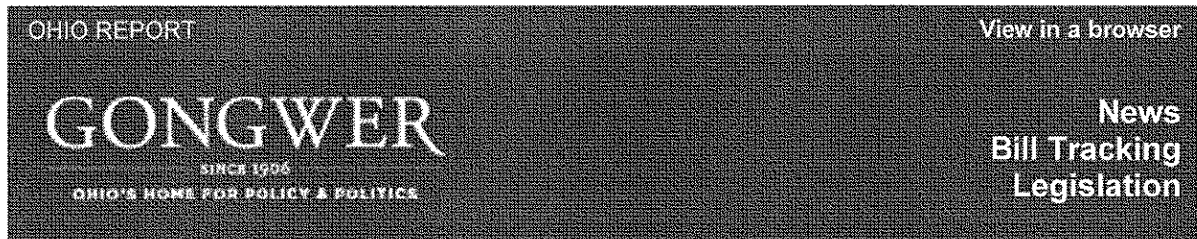
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Volume #85, Report #225 -- Tuesday, November 22, 2016
Senate Hears Mixed Review Of Energy Freeze Bill; Early December Committee Vote Eyed

The state's top consumer utility advocate told a Senate panel Tuesday the renewable energy and energy efficiency benchmarks in a Senate bill are "reasonable."

But Ohio Consumers' Counsel Bruce Weston said in testimony before the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee that he still has plenty of concerns with the proposal (SB 320).

Mr. Weston's was one of a trio of witnesses on both sides of the issue to appear before the committee during the bill's third hearing.

Questioned by Chairman Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville), Mr. Weston said that a 12.5% renewable energy benchmark for 2029 and beyond was reasonable in his view. As for the 17% benchmark for energy efficiency - which was reduced from the bill's earlier 22% - Mr. Weston said that number is on the lower end of "something I could accept as reasonable."

Sen. Balderson said in an interview he has no intention of holding a vote on the issue next week considering the holiday and the short notice interested parties received about Tuesday's hearing.

"We'll have some more hearings," Sen. Balderson said. "We want to give everyone adequate time. We'd like to have at least something by the first of December that we can vote on."

Several amendments have been drafted behind the scenes, although it's unclear if and when they'll be introduced for consideration. Sponsor Sen. Bill Seitz said he is unsure whether he will introduce any of his prepared amendments next week.

"I think there are a couple things we could tweak along the way, but, yes, I do feel good about it," Sen. Balderson said of the status of the bill. "And I know one amendment might be the mercantile opt out. It's in there right now (to start) in 2019, but 2017 was talked about last week in committee."

Outlining his concerns with the bill, Mr. Weston urged the committee to: preclude utilities from charging consumers for shared savings that are not a direct result of utility programs or that are unrelated to electricity sales; add language to protect consumers from bearing any cost associated with the mercantile opt-out program, and; prohibit consideration of renewables and energy efficiency in cases other than those intended for implementing the energy standards.

Responding to a question from Sen. Seitz, Mr. Weston floated the idea of a 3% cost cap for consumers. He also argued for requiring utilities to use competitive bidding when retaining providers or vendors when implementing their energy efficiency programs.

He further advised against any attempts to add language permitting electricity rate hikes if a utility's financial integrity is at risk.

"If such a change in the law is to be considered by the legislature, it should be done in a standalone bill with a full public hearing process and not rushed in this limited post-election session," Mr. Weston said.

Brakey Energy President Matt Brakey was the only proponent to testify during this week's hearing. He said the company fully supports the mercantile customer opt-out and would even urge the provision to be enacted sooner.

The bill as written would expand opt-out eligibility to businesses consuming more than 700,000 kilowatt hours per year - a move opponents say is premature considering the existing opt-out doesn't begin until 2017. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, November 17, 2016)

Even if the opt-out timeline isn't advanced, Mr. Brakey said, lawmakers should act fast in reaching a resolution before the ongoing freeze on energy standards expires at year's end.

"Because of the cycle time of the electric distribution utilities, delaying commonsense reforms will require the utilities to launch another expensive, multi-year installment toward compliance that will be passed onto Ohio's residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers," he said. "This is an outcome Ohioans cannot afford."

Environmental Law and Policy Center Senior Attorney Rob Kelter said the group opposes the bill's removal of compliance mechanisms for the first three years.

Opponents argue such language waters down the state's approach to renewables while proponents say it buys the state more time pending the legal resolution of the Clean Power Plan.

"The utilities recover both their costs and lost revenues related to energy efficiency so they are held harmless. On top of that they share the savings they generate for customers through shared savings mechanisms that all the utilities have achieved," Mr. Kelter said. "Some utilities have earned bonuses as high as \$20 million per year from running the programs. Making the standards voluntary sends the wrong signal regarding the importance of the standards and the need to meet the targets."

Mr. Kelter said the group also opposes both the lowering of the energy efficiency benchmark to 17% and the potential expansion of the mercantile opt-out program.

"Somehow, listening to the testimony and comments from proponents, one would think

Ohio is about to become California," Mr. Kelter said. "We are only looking for a very reasonable and doable level of efficiency and renewables that will benefit all Ohioans through both cleaner air and lower bills."

Alan Rosenfield submitted written opponent testimony on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Ohio, saying that the bill "continues bad policy by refusing to require a reasonable percentage of energy come from renewable sources."

"We reject the idea that SB320 lifts the two-year freeze imposed on renewable energy requirements," he wrote. "We urge that the current language of O.R.C. 4928-64 be retained and oppose any changes in that section that are included in SB320."

Senate Panel Takes Up Ignition Interlock Device Measure

First-time OVI offenders could have the opportunity to be granted unlimited driving privileges, with a catch, under a House bill reviewed in the Senate Tuesday.

The legislation (HB 388) sponsored by Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) would allow first-time offenders to petition the court for unlimited driving privileges with an Ignition Interlock Device during the offender's driver's license suspension.

"Our current laws contain an ineffective system of limited driving privileges. The offender first has a period of 15 days where he or she cannot drive at all. Then he or she can obtain limited driving privileges from the judge and may be granted access to any occupational, educational, vocational, or medical destinations as well as commercial licensing exams and court mandated appearances during certain times of the day," he told members of the Senate Insurance Committee Tuesday.

"Second-time offenders are required to use a certified Ignition Interlock Device (IID) if restricted driving has been permitted. Second time offenders are also required to employ yellow license plates on their vehicles. The second offense provisions all too often give rise to plea bargains to reduce the overall punishment."

The legislation, dubbed "Annie's Law," also lengthens the first-time minimum suspension from six months to 12 months. However, that suspension can be cut in half if a court grants a request to use an IID.

In addition, the measure would also require a first-time offender to obtain a restricted license indicating the use of an IID is required.

"It is important to note that this language is permissive: the offender is not required to request the use of the device, nor is the judge required to allow the use of the device. The IID petition can only be granted at the time of conviction, not at the time of the arraignment. There is no change to current law for the time from arrest to conviction," Rep. Scherer said.

Yet another provision of the bill would extend the look-back period for OVI offenses from six to 10 years.

Sen. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) questioned the rationale behind that provision.

Rep. Scherer said it was requested by municipal court judges who believe the six-year window is not long enough.

In researching the legislation, Rep. Scherer told the panel that he voluntarily installed an IID in his own vehicle and sought to allay some of the misconceptions about the device, including the belief that an impaired driver could have a child blow into it to allow a vehicle to be started.

"It's not that simple to use," he said. "It does require a velocity of air going through the device, and a sustained velocity."

Chairman Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) asked if the devices require a driver to do anything while operating a vehicle.

Rep. Scherer said that some do require a "rolling retest," which he was initially opposed to until he learned that 28 states with similar laws also mandate continued testing after the initial one to allow the vehicle to start.

"It is not a significant burden," he said. "You can always pull over to the side of the road to do it. I found that once I got used to it, I didn't need to pull over to do it."

The bill is named after Annie Rooney, who was killed by a drunken driver in 2013.

"The woman who hit Annie that fateful day had at least three misdemeanor charges of operating a vehicle while impaired filed against her. Since her death, Annie's family has worked with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and others in their cause to reduce the number of casualties to this horrible tragedy that occurs far too often," Rep. Scherer said.

The bill has been in the works for three years and currently has no known opposition, Rep. Scherer told the panel.

The measure cleared the House in an 84-5 vote in May. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 18, 2016)

Proponents Urge Senate Support For Ohio EPA Updates

More than a dozen proponents testified or submitted written testimony to the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee Tuesday on the governor's second OEPA-themed mid-biennium review bill.

During the bill's (SB 333) second hearing before the committee, lawmakers asked no questions as witnesses touted what they perceive as the bill's merits.

By and large, the group said the bill would install much-needed oversight over construction and demolition debris processing plants, refocus the mission of the Lake Erie Commission, and permit the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's director to waive, transfer or revoke a 401 water quality certification. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 18, 2016)

Ohio Environmental Council Deputy Director Jack Shaner thanked the OEPA for participating in stakeholder meetings to gather feedback, saying the group is "confident that constructive compromise amendments will emerge."

That's because the group, which supports the bill, still has two areas of concern, Mr. Shaner said.

One provision worth revisiting, he said, is language that makes substantive changes to the makeup, authority and duties of the Lake Erie Commission. The bill's intent is to refocus the commission on helping the state meet its obligations under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

"It remains unclear how and to what extent the commission will ensure the...implementation of federal, state and local policies, programs and issues," Mr. Shaner said, recommending instead the language be changed so the commission can ensure coordination of "the funding, implementation, and monitoring" of those areas.

The group also requested a change in language enabling the OEPA director to grant 401 waivers, which proponents say will speed up projects already approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

OEC argues the waiver should be considered a final appealable order and should not be issued within 90 days of the agency's receipt of a complete application to allow actual agency review. Further, the group said the director should be required to include written justification for granting the waiver.

Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District Executive Director Diane Bickett testified the bill would address "serious problems" stemming from unregulated C&DD processing facilities in the county. She said such sites accumulate waste, becoming eyesores and ultimately shifting the burden of cleanup onto taxpayers.

"Most of the debris being accepted at this and other sham recycling facilities is debris resulting from the demolition of vacant homes," she said. "Demolition contractors cut costs by taking the debris to these sham recycling sites because they undercut the disposal fees that legitimate recyclers and landfills must charge in order to operate properly."

Ohio Environmental Health Association President Chad Brown said the group has spent a decade trying to address issues within the C&DD industry, but has made little progress without legislative action.

"There have been cases in all regions of the state where materials have been stockpiled without being processed properly, which has resulted in public nuisance situations," Mr. Brown said. "SB333 aims to address these nuisance conditions and provide the proper authority to OEPA and local health departments to address these issues."

Other witnesses praised different facets of the bill. Ohio Chamber of Commerce Director of Energy and Environmental Policy Zachary Frymier said the bill would improve business efficiency and surface water quality by strengthening the Certified Water Quality Professional Program.

Agreeing the bill would allow the state to address "bad actors" in the C&DD industry, he also praised the 401 waiver provision.

Ohio Rural Water Association Executive Director Kevin Strang singled out the bill's requirement that private water systems maintain an asset management plan. He said his association regularly assists systems with few resources that have overlooked or delayed maintenance and inventory planning.

"We have most recently provided extensive services to the villages of Botkins in Shelby County, Gratis in Preble County, and Spring Valley in Green County," he said. "In these three systems alone we project potential long term savings in excess of \$500,000 by reducing the need for premature repairs and replacement of system equipment."

Others testifying in support of the measure included Geoff Guss of Coschoton's McWane Ductile, professional engineer Alan Olsen, Great Lakes RCAP Director Debbie Martin, Hecla Water Association Inc. General Manager Tony Howard, and Materials Management Advisory Council Chairman Michael Dineen.

Submitting written proponent testimony were Port of Cleveland Vice President of External Affairs Jade Davis, Cuyahoga County Health Commissioner Terry Allan, Aqua Ohio Inc. and Aqua Ohio Wastewater Inc. President Ed Kolodziej, CSX Resident Vice President Rusty Orben, and a pair of Ohio residents.

Committee Chair Raises Concerns About Insurance Bill

The leader of a Senate committee on Tuesday questioned the efficacy of a measure designed to prevent certain uninsured drivers from collecting non-compensatory damages as a result of a traffic accident.

Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark), chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, said a recent study found that the measure (HB 279) would decrease the rate of uninsured drivers on Ohio's roadways by just 1.6%.

"Candidly, 1.6% is probably certainly inside the margin of error," he said.

Sponsoring Rep. Michael Henne (R-Clayton) said the legislation is about fairness. He likened the circumstances it addresses to a group that buys lottery tickets and hits a jackpot, then someone who did not contribute to the purchase asking for a share of the winnings.

"If everybody participates then we are protecting everybody," he said.

Sen. Hottinger also raised concerns about a letter from the Ohio Judicial Conference sent to Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton), a co-sponsor of the bill, that suggested the measure could violate both the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses of the Ohio Constitution.

But Rep. Henne said just one state's high court found a similar measure to be unconstitutional.

Under the bill, those who have a previous conviction of driving without insurance in the past seven years would be barred from seeking non-compensatory damages in the event of a traffic accident.

"They can still collect damages for their damaged property, medical bills, and loss of wages," Rep. Henne said.

Uninsured motorists would still be able to sue for non-economic damages in what Rep. Henne described as egregious situations, including crashes involving a four- or six-point offense, texting while driving and wrongful death. Drivers under the age of 18 will also be exempted from the law.

An estimated 15% of Ohio drivers are uninsured, above the national average of 13%, according to Rep. Henne.

The number of crashes involving uninsured drivers increased from 50,151 in 2011 to 95,000 in 2015, he said.

"Drivers who repeatedly choose not to participate in a system that is designed to protect all drivers, by failing to purchase the required minimum limits of liability protection, will no longer receive the full benefits of this system," he said. "If they are injured by another driver, HB279 affords the uninsured driver more than the amount of protection they offer their victims."

Sen. Hottinger was not alone in questioning the measure. Sen. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) said she supports the goal behind the bill, but does not believe it will accomplish "a great deal."

"I would like to see a bill where we come forth with some method by which we use some other stick," she said.

Adding that there are many Ohioans who cannot afford liability insurance and lack access to public transportation, the Democrat said, "We need something else. We need to look at the possibility that there may be extenuating circumstances."

Rep. Henne replied by saying that if someone does not have the financial means to obtain liability insurance, they don't have the financial means to drive a vehicle.

"Should we allow people to run through red lights if they are late for work?" he asked.

The legislation passed the House in May on a largely party-line vote of 62-35, with Reps. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) and Louis Terhar (R-Cincinnati) voting with the Democrats on opposition. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 25, 2016)

Medical Board Closes Investigation Into Dayton Abortion Clinic

Anti-abortion groups on Tuesday called for further government action against a Dayton-area clinic following the State Medical Board of Ohio's closure of a case involving the facility.

Ohio Right to Life and Dayton Right to Life urged the board to either disclose the investigative record or reopen the probe into Women's Med Center in Kettering regarding a June incident in which a patient received an abortion despite being unable to consent due to a drug overdose.

Dayton Right to Life filed complaints with the board earlier this year after an incident report from the Ohio Department of Health. The patient had taken a number of drugs the day of the scheduled abortion and was unable to walk on her own or keep her eyes open, according to the report. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 4, 2016)

Paul Coudron, executive director of Dayton Right to Life, said he received a notice from the Medical Board that the cases against the doctors at the facility had been closed with no action taken.

"The women of Dayton deserve to know why no action, not even a reprimand, has been taken by this institution," he said at a Columbus news conference.

Mr. Coudron and Devin Scribner, executive director of Ohio Right to Life, said they want the board either to release the record of their investigation or to reopen the case.

"Today we're here to call for action from the State Medical Board," Mr. Scribner said. "Case closed is not good enough for us."

Katherine Franklin, spokeswoman for Ohio Right to Life, said the issue is one of informed consent and should be of concern for Ohioans regardless of their attitudes toward abortion.

"This is much more a question of ethics in medicine more than it is politics," she said. "Pro-choice and pro-life advocates should be demanding action on this case, because it gets to the heart of a woman's right to say no and control her own bodily autonomy."

Michael Gonidakis, the president of Ohio Right to Life, serves as president of the State Medical Board but said he would recuse himself in the case. The investigation was closed by board staff and never required a hearing before the board.

Tessie Pollock, a spokeswoman for the board, said the details of complaints and investigations are confidential.

"When we receive complaints about informed consent, we investigate fully, as we do with all complaints against licensees," she said in an email. "Informed consent is an essential part of a physician's standard of care; failure to obtain informed consent is a failure to meet the minimal standard of care required of Ohio licensed physicians."

Investigative staff at the board have access to medical records, interviews with providers, patients, complainants and experts, and can subpoena documents, she said.

Kellie Copeland, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio, said the case has been reviewed and closed.

"When this case opened, the Ohio Department of Health investigated and asked the provider to rewrite their policy, which they did," she said in a statement. "Both the health department and the State Medical Board have looked into this case, and neither have decided additional action is necessary. Case closed."

"Women in Ohio need access to safe and legal abortion care from providers like Women's Med Center," she added. "They don't need political interference from Ohio Right to Life."

Buckeye Institute Touts Charity Care; OSMA Launches Opioid Campaign; Innovation Ohio Eyes Food Insecurity

The state could encourage more affordable health care by incentivizing doctors to perform charity care, according to a policy brief by the Buckeye Institute.

Bureaucratic hurdles in Medicaid create a situation in which doctors often refuse new patients, and limitations on voluntary charity care would help doctors and nurses reach more people, wrote Greg Lawson, Statehouse liaison for the Buckeye Institute.

The policy brief encouraged lawmakers to allow health care professionals to receive continuing education credits in exchange for providing charity care to underserved Ohioans. Other states, such as Florida, allow medical professionals to earn credit for up to a certain number of hours or a certain percentage of credit per renewal period. Bills have been introduced (HB 488 and SB 292) to deal with these issues.

"Healthcare providers must maintain a requisite number of CE credits to practice in Ohio, and allowing some of those credits to be earned through charity care will increase the supply of quality treatment available to the poor," Mr. Lawson wrote.

Other possible changes that would improve access to charity care include broadening immunity provisions that protect charity care providers from malpractice lawsuits, the brief said, and relaxing regulatory requirements on licensed nurses. A bill (HB 216) to increase the autonomy of advanced practice registered nurses has cleared the House and is currently before a Senate committee.

"These are examples of the kind of reforms that could be pursued as policymakers devise ways to extend access to more affordable healthcare to our neediest patients and communities," Mr. Lawson wrote.

OSMA Opioid Campaign: The Ohio State Medical Association has launched a campaign aimed at fighting the problem of misuse and abuse of opioid painkillers.

The campaign, called BeSmart, includes posters and prescription pads for doctors and prescribers to use that raise awareness of information about the potentially addictive and dangerous drugs.

The materials include links and numbers for drug-related resources and advice for people who are prescribed opioids, people who are prescribed non-opioid treatments, and for talking to children about drug abuse.

Food Insecurity Report: An investment of \$16 million in the Ohio State Extension nutrition education programs could lift 24,000 Ohioans out of food insecurity, according to a report from the Innovation Ohio Education Fund.

The report looked at a number of potential policy solutions for dealing with the state's high rate of food insecurity, including improving the nutrition education programs, expanding the number of counties with SNAP eligibility waivers, reforming the state earned income tax credit and investing in job creation programs.

It found the education funding to be highly effective, while grading it a medium for efficiency and political feasibility.

"Based on the above analysis, I recommend that the state of Ohio expand its nutrition education program and expand the number of counties with SNAP eligibility waivers," author Rob Moore wrote. "ETC reforms and job programs, while potentially valuable for other reasons, are unlikely to significantly decrease food insecurity in the state without large, expensive investments."

"A state-funded SNAP-Ed program funded at \$16 million (a modest 0.6% increase in higher education spending for Ohio and one tenth the size of an EITC expansion) would lead to a projected reduction in food insecurity that would lift 24,000 Ohioans out of food insecurity," he added.

Farmers Union Prices Thanksgiving Dinner; AG Warns On Holiday Shopping Scams; DSW Sales Up

Farmers will see less than 20% of consumer dollars spent on popular holiday menu items this year, according to an annual report.

The Thanksgiving edition of the National Farmers Union Farmer's Share publication found that farmers receive 19.4 cents of every food dollar spent on 15 common holiday foods. Most of the cost of traditional fare comes from marketing, processing, wholesaling, distribution and retailing.

Throughout the year, research has found farmers take in a little more than 17 cents for every food dollar consumers spend, NFU said.

"It's important to understand the difference between the price consumers pay for food at the grocery store or restaurant and the commodity prices farmers are paid for their products, NFU President Roger Johnson said in a statement.

"Just recently, food costs started to drop, but farm and ranch families have been plagued by low commodity prices for nearly three years," he said. "Comparatively, the costs associated with the rest of the supply chain have a more pronounced effect on consumers' food prices."

Turkey growers receive about 89 cents per pound retailing at \$1.59, while wheat farmers averaged four cents on a dozen dinner rolls that retail for \$3.29 and dairy producers received \$1.44 for the average \$4.49 gallon of fat free milk, the report shows.

Holiday Shopping: The Better Business Bureau and Attorney General Mike DeWine are working to inform consumers about how to keep themselves and their wallets safe as the holiday shopping season officially kicks off this week.

The AG's office released a list of tips for the estimated 137.4 million shoppers expected to take to stores over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

It includes recommendations to make plans before getting to stores, diligently reading fine print in ads and on "free" offers, and monitor bank accounts for any fraudulent charges.

"We encourage consumers to take some simple steps to protect themselves," Attorney General DeWine said. "Whether they're shopping online or in stores, we encourage people to take their time, understand the details, and ask for help if they need it. Awareness can go a long way in preventing problems."

BBB, meanwhile, has launched a new #AdTruth campaign to highlight common schemes companies use to lure in business and inform shoppers about how to truly find the best deals.

As more purchasing moves to the internet, BBB is also providing information about how to determine if a website or advertising emails are credible.

DSW: Third-quarter sales increased 4.7% to \$697 million compared to the same period last year, when sales decreased 2%, the company reported.

The Columbus-based footwear and accessories retailer also reported net income of \$39 million, or \$0.47 per diluted share. The total includes pre-tax charges from the acquisition of Ebuys, which is another footwear retailer.

"This quarter reflects the first step in our return to year-over-year earnings growth," CEO Roger Rawlins said "After four consecutive declines, we reported a 16% increase in Adjusted Earnings Per Share this quarter."

"Tighter inventory management drove improvements in gross margin which, combined with effective expense management, resulted in an increase in net income," he continued. "We've reduced clearance markdowns and we are positioned to generate more profitable sales in the holiday season."

Governor's Appointment

Northeast Ohio Medical University Board of Trustees: E. Douglas Beach of Northfield (Summit Co.) for a term beginning Nov. 22 and ending Sept. 21, 2024.

Attorney General's Opinion

No. 2016-037. Requested by Athens County Prosecuting Attorney Keller J. Blackburn.
SYLLABUS:

1. A secret service officer appointed pursuant to R.C. 309.07 may serve as a member of a board of township trustees, provided that in his capacity as a township trustee he refrains from participating in any discussions, deliberations, negotiations, or votes under R.C. 309.09(B) to retain legal counsel other than the prosecuting attorney to advise or represent the township, and in his capacity as a secret service officer he shall not be permitted or required to conduct any criminal investigatory activities or functions in connection with criminal charges that may be brought by the prosecuting attorney or other prosecuting authority against officers or employees of the township.

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Supplemental Agency Calendar

Tuesday, November 29

Power Siting Board, Rm. 11B, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30

Aerospace & Aviation Technology Committee, Rm. 122, Statehouse, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Monday, November 28

Auditor of State Dave Yost media availability on open enrollment, Auditor of State Ceremonial Office, Statehouse, Columbus, 2 p.m.

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Senate Activity for Tuesday, November 22, 2016

INTRODUCED

SB 369 ■ **ROAD NAMING** (Patton, T., Manning, G.) To designate a portion of Interstate Route 90 in Cuyahoga County as the "Patrol Trooper Kenneth Velez Memorial Highway." Am. 5534.46

SB 370 ■ **LICENSE PLATE** (Patton, T.) To create the "University of Notre Dame" license plate. Am. 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.514

SB 371 ■ **COUNTY PROSECUTORS** (Thomas, C.) To prohibit prosecuting attorneys of counties with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law. Am. 309.02 and 325.11

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Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, November 23

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

No agency meetings scheduled.

Event Planner

No events scheduled.

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Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 11/23/2016

Monday, November 28

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 119, 10:30 a.m.
Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), Finance Hearing Rm., 2 p.m.

- SB 136** **SCHOOL SECLUSION (Tavares, C.)** To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 346** **SCHOOL YEAR (Manning, G.)** To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 89** **MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM (DeVitis, T.)** Regarding the Medicaid School Program. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 383** **FINANCIAL LITERACY (Hagan, C., McColley, R.)** To require one-half unit of economic and financial literacy in the high school social studies curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act." (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 85** **ABUSE PREVENTION (Ramos, D., Hagan, C.)** With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Tuesday, November 29

House State Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Maag, R., 644-6023), Rm. 113, 9 a.m.

- SB 227** **ATTORNEY GENERAL (Bacon, K.)** To make various changes to the laws governing the duties and functions of the Attorney General. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
House Agriculture & Rural Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Hill, B., 644-6014), Rm. 116, 9 a.m.
- HR 214** **PHOSPHORUS AGREEMENT (Sheehy, M., Fedor, T.)** To encourage support for the agreement between Ontario, Michigan and Ohio regarding the reduction of phosphorus in the western basin of Lake Erie. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 566** **NURSERY STOCK (Ramos, D.)** To prohibit the labeling and advertising of nursery stock as pollinator beneficial under specified conditions (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
House Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 466-6711), Rm. 017, 9 a.m.
- HB 498** **STUDENT EXPULSIONS (Kunze, S.)** With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 372 **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (Phillips, D.)** To require city, exempted village, and local school districts to employ, for each 1,000 students, at least five full-time equivalent educational service personnel in specified areas. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

SB 27 **FIREFIGHTER CANCER (Patton, T.)** To provide that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the cancer while performing official duties as a firefighter. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

HB 394 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Sears, B.)** To temporarily change the taxable wage base under Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law, to remove dependency classes for unemployment compensation benefit eligibility, to temporarily freeze automatic increases for weekly unemployment compensation benefit amounts, to reduce the number of weeks for which an individual may receive unemployment compensation benefits, to abolish the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council, and to make other changes to Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Dever, J., 466-8120), Rm. 122, 9 a.m.

HB 593 **CROWDFUNDING (Arndt, S.)** To permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 598 **LOAN ACT (Terhar, L.)** To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

HB 616 **BANKING LAW (Amstutz, R.)** For the purpose of enacting a new banking law for the State of Ohio. (1st Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of S. Craig Beam, Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisor Council; Kelly Cole, Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation; Cy Prettyman, Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board and Michael Frazier and Gregory Levens, Dangerous & Restricted Animals Advisory Board

SB 151 **DOGS LAW (Beagle, B.)** To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. (4th Hearing-Opponent)

SB 224 **AGRICULTURE LAWS (Brown, E.)** To revise the application and enforcement of the law governing operation and management plans, and to require certain animal feeding facilities to annually report the amount of manure that is applied by or for the facilities. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 271 **POLICE ANIMALS (Gentile, L.)** To authorize a law enforcement officer to purchase a police dog or horse for fair market value when the officer retires in good standing from a law enforcement agency and certain conditions are met, and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 018, 9:30 a.m.

- HB 561** **PARK COMMISSIONERS (Boccheri, J., Clyde, K.)** To require boards of county commissioners to appoint additional park board commissioners and allow for public comment during appointment process. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 562** **MAIL DELIVERY (Hambley, S., Ryan, S.)** To authorize local governments and officers to deliver certain notices by ordinary mail and electronically instead of by certified mail. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 576** **PUBLIC RECORDS (Ryan, S.)** To exempt from the Public Records Act financial account numbers and identifying information in public records and to provide that taxpayer electronic mail address lists used by county treasurers to deliver tax bills are not public records. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082), North Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of Thomas Pascarella, Ohio Retirement Study Council

- SB 347** **PRIMARY ELECTIONS (LaRose, F.)** To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 322** **POLICE TRAINING (Hite, C.)** To require the Ohio peace officer training commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed chiefs of police appointed on or after January 1, 2017, and to require newly appointed chiefs of police of villages, cities, and townships to attend the training course within six months of appointment as a chief of police. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 306** **DAY DESIGNATION (Yuko, K.)** To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 440** **AWARENESS DAY (Anielski, M.)** To designate the Saturday before Thanksgiving as "Ohio Survivors of Suicide Loss Day." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 276** **CHIROPRACTORS (Schuring, K.)** To authorize chiropractors to engage in certain activities involving nutrition-related items and therapies, nonprescription drugs, and medical goods and devices. (2nd Hearing-proponent)
- HB 423** **MILITARY RECORDS (Perales, R.)** To specify that an order for active military service or other documentation regarding the call to order of an individual in the Armed Forces of the United States or the Ohio organized militia is not a public record. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 167** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION (Sweeney, M.)** Regarding the term of a General Assembly member as a member of the Legislative Service Commission. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 10 a.m.

- SB 331** **PET STORES (Peterson, B.)** To regulate the sale of dogs from pet stores and dog retailers and to require the Director of Agriculture to license pet stores. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 235 **PROPERTY TAXES (Beagle, B., Coley, B.)** To exempt from property tax the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned until the completion of new commercial or industrial facilities at the property. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & substitute)
House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.
Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.
Senate Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hughes, J., 466-5981), Finance Hearing Rm., 11:15 a.m.

SB 335 **AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES (Patton, T.)** To regulate non-bank automated teller machines. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 355 **LOAN ACT (Peterson, B.)** To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Transportation & Infrastructure (Committee Record) (Chr. Boose, T., 466-9628), Rm. 018, 1 p.m. or after session

- **Agenda to be announced**

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Schaffer, T., 466-8100), Rm. 121, 1:30 p.m. or after session

HB 482 **PROPERTY TAXES (Dever, J.)** To change the calculation of the exempt value of improved property subject to a community reinvestment area exemption, to clarify the calculation of the exempt value of property subject to a brownfield remediation exemption, and to authorize the filing of a complaint with the county auditor challenging the assessed value of fully or partially exempt property. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 592 **INVESTMENT COMPANIES (Merrin, D.)** To subject small business investment companies to the commercial activity tax rather than the financial institutions tax. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 612 **DISASTER BUSINESS EXEMPTION (Ryan, S.)** To exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 1:30 p.m. or after session

SB 206 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS (LaRose, F.)** To require certain campaign committees and other entities to file campaign finance statements electronically and to require the Secretary of State to make the information in those statements available online. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 613 **SUNSET REVIEW LAW (Amstutz, R.)** To revise and renew the Sunset Review Law, to require that a Sunset Review Committee be convened to function during each oddnumbered General Assembly, and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible substitute)

HB 619 **STATE PROPERTY CONVEYANCES (Rezabek, J.)** To authorize the conveyance of, and the granting of perpetual easements to, state-owned real property. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)

SB 273 **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE** (Bacon, K.) To enact the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 329 **SUNSET REVIEW** (Jordan, K., Faber, K.) To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 591 **SPECIAL ELECTIONS** (Pelanda, D.) To eliminate the requirement of holding a special election to fill a vacancy in a party nomination for the office of representative to Congress under certain circumstances. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 539 **NEW AMERICANS** (Boyce, K.) To create the office for New Americans. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 536 **STATEHOUSE VIDEO** (Fedor, T.) To require the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service to broadcast live, with video and audio content, all General Assembly committee meetings and to name this act the Wire the Statehouse Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HR 192 **VOTING RIGHTS ACT** (Clyde, K., Reece, A.) Commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HR 206 **CONFEDERATE FLAG** (Sykes, E., Reece, A.) To urge the powers of the governments that continue to make issuances containing the confederate flag to discontinue this practice, to urge the powers of the governments that fly the confederate flag or any flag containing imagery of the confederate flag on public property to remove those flags in question, to urge the powers of governments that have official state flags that contain imagery derived from the confederate flag to commence in the process of redesigning the official state flag immediately, to urge South Carolina's General Assembly to direct removal of the confederate flag from state property and to urge Ohio retailers to remove from inventory any confederate flag merchandise. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 179 **VOTER REGISTRATION** (Stinziano, M., Sykes, E.) To require that eligible persons in the database of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically, as applicable, unless those persons decline to be registered or to update their registrations. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
House Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. Young, R., 644-6074), Rm. 122, 2 p.m. or after session

HB 601 **MICROBUSINESS** (Pelanda, D.) To create a statutory definition of "microbusiness." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 574 **USED TIRES** (Sprague, R., DeVitis, T.) To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments available at <http://www.gongwer-oh.com/public/130/finconfirm.pdf>

HB 435 **STATE FINANCING** (McClain, J.) To authorize the Treasurer of State to issue revenue obligations of the state for the purpose of making loans to qualifying public

entities for their acquisition of permanent improvements through the Treasurer of State's purchase of public obligations of those qualifying entities. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 230 **ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS** (Schiavoni, J.) With regard to the operation of academic distress commissions and to modify the earmarked funding for the establishment of academic distress commissions. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 384 **HIGHER EDUCATION AUDITS** (Schaffer, T., Duffey, M.) To specify that state institutions of higher education may be subject to performance audits conducted by the Auditor of State. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

SB 317 **BANKING LAWS** (Hughes, J., Coley, B.) For the purpose of enacting a new banking law for the State of Ohio. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Senate Health & Human Services (Committee Record) (Chr. Jones, S., 466-9737), North Hearing Rm., 3 p.m. or after session

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Stephanie Loucka, Director of the Department of Aging; Billy Anderson, Jr., Ashok Das, Michael Ginder and Kumar Subramanian, D.D.S., State Dental Board; Raymond Mancini, John Patton, III, James Armile and John Stainbrook, Ohio Athletic Commission; Michael Aquillo, Ohio Respiratory Care Board; Michael Pratt, Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board; Ronan Factora, State Medical Board; Paul Schoonover, Chemical Dependency Professionals Board; Christopher Taylor, Ohio Board of Dietetics; Fred Weaver, Kilee Yarosh, Timothy Bechtold, State Board of Pharmacy; Jason Dapore, Hollie Kozak, Chad Miller and Jennifer Wissinger, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board.

HB 216 **NURSES** (Pelanda, D.) To revise the law governing advanced practice registered nurses. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

HB 285 **PRESCRIPTION REFILLS** (Sprague, R.) To authorize pharmacists to dispense multiple refills of a prescription simultaneously under certain circumstances. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 470 **PALLIATIVE CARE FACILITIES** (Schuring, K.) Regarding palliative care facilities. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 42 **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT** (Beagle, B.) Regarding minors and outpatient mental health treatment. (5th Hearing-All testimony)

SB 314 **HOSPITAL CARE** (Lehner, P.) To provide for the designation of a lay person to provide after-care to a hospital inpatient and participate in discharge planning. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

HB 290 **TERMINAL PATIENTS** (Sprague, R., Anielski, M.) To permit a physician to treat a terminally ill patient with a drug that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and permit a drug manufacturer to provide such a drug to the patient or physician. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

HB 505 **BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS** (Huffman, S., Pelanda, D.) Regarding the regulation of biological products and the substitution of interchangeable biological products when dispensed by pharmacists. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party-Possible amendments)

House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 017, 3:30 p.m.

- HB 464** **NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIPS** (Terhar, L., Brinkman, T.) To specify that a National Guard scholarship recipient who fails to complete the recipient's term of enlistment in the National Guard due to enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment in the United States armed forces is not liable for repayment of the scholarship. (3rd Hearing-Possible substitute & vote)
- HB 105** **MILITARY TRANSFERS** (Craig, H., Perales, R.) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- House Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 116, 3:30 p.m.
- SB 284** **EXPUNGEMENT** (Obhof, L.) To provide that a person who is found not guilty of an offense by a jury or a court or who is the defendant named in a dismissed complaint, indictment, or information may apply to the court for an order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the complaint, indictment, or information or finding of not guilty was the result of the applicant having been a victim of human trafficking and to authorize intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 257** **REAL PROPERTY** (Seitz, B., Skindell, M.) To create a presumption of validity of recorded real property instruments, reduce the time period for curing certain defects related to those instruments, and provide constructive notice for those instruments. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
- HB 559** **MEDICAL CLAIMS** (Cupp, R.) To grant qualified civil immunity to certain medical providers who provide emergency medical services as a result of a disaster or mass hazard; to provide that certain communications made regarding an unanticipated outcome of medical care, the development or implementation of standards under federal laws, and an insurer's reimbursement policies on health care are inadmissible as evidence in a medical claim; to provide that medical bills itemizing charges are inadmissible as evidence and a payment for medical services accepted by a defendant from an insurer is admissible as evidence of the reasonableness of the charges; to specify the manner of sending a notice of intent to file a medical claim and provide a procedure for the discovery of other potential claims within a specified period after the filing of a medical claim; to provide that any loss of a chance of recovery or survival by itself is not an injury, death, or loss for which damages may be recovered; to provide civil immunity to certain medical providers regarding the discharge of a patient with a mental condition that threatens the safety of the patient or others; to require that governmental agencies that receive peer review committee records maintain their confidentiality; and to clarify the definition of "medical claim." (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
- HB 602** **DIGITAL ASSETS** (Cupp, R., Rezabek, J.) To adopt the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
- SB 299** **PERRY COUNTY COURTS** (Hottinger, J.) To create the Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on January 1, 2017, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Perry County County Court on that date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of Courts as

the clerk of the Perry County Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Perry County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2017. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 581 **LLC REGULATIONS (Dever, J., Reineke, B.)** To permit and regulate managers, members, and interests of series limited liability companies. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 139 **POST-CONVICTION RELIEF (Seitz, B., Williams, S.)** To require the clerk of a common pleas court to retain a copy of the original trial file when a death penalty is imposed, to specify that there is no page limit on petitions for postconviction relief in death penalty cases or in appeals of denials of such relief, to modify the time for filing an amended postconviction relief petition in death penalty cases, to provide for depositions and subpoenas during discovery in postconviction relief proceedings in death penalty cases, and to require a judge hearing a postconviction relief proceeding in a death penalty case to state specifically in the findings of fact and conclusions of law why each claim was either denied or granted. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 106 **PUBLIC INDECENCY (Schaffer, T.)** To require an offender who knowingly commits the offense of public indecency under certain circumstances involving conduct likely to be viewed by minors to register as a Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

HB 283 **DNA TESTING (Fedor, T.)** To require DNA testing for misdemeanor convictions of voyeurism, public indecency, procuring, soliciting, loitering to engage in soliciting, and prostitution. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 4 p.m.

SB 30 **FAMILY STABILITY (Tavares, C.)** To create the Ohio Family Stability Commission. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 286 **MARRIAGE (Vitale, N.)** To provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not required to solemnize a marriage and a religious society is not required to allow any building or property of the religious society to be used to host a marriage ceremony if the marriage does not conform to the ordained or licensed minister's or religious society's sincerely held religious beliefs, to provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not subject to civil or criminal liability for such a denial, and to provide that the state and political subdivisions may not penalize or withhold benefits to an ordained or licensed minister or religious society for such a denial. (6th Hearing-All testimony)

HB 458 **FOSTER CARE (Boyce, K., Rezabek, J.)** To provide foster care maintenance payments for children in the care of a kinship caregiver without requiring the caregiver to be certified to provide foster care and to require, rather than permit, the creation of the statewide program of kinship care navigators. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 308 **CHILD SUPPORT (Coley, B.)** To amend the child support laws. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

- HB 618** **RECORD EXPUNGEMENT** (Schuring, K., Reece, A.) To provide for the expungement of official records related to the apprehension, arrest, criminal charging, or trial of a person based on mistaken identity. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), Finance Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.
- Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will testify on the revised English language arts and math learning standards pursuant to 3301.079 (J).

HB 410 **TRUANCY** (Rezabek, J., Hayes, B.) With regard to habitual and chronic truancy and compulsory school attendance. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 89 **MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM** (DeVitis, T.) Regarding the Medicaid School Program. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SB 126 **OPEN ENROLLMENT** (Sawyer, T.) To terminate interdistrict open enrollment on that date with the possibility of renewal following the General Assembly's examination of the study's findings. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Wednesday, November 30

House Public Utilities (Committee Record) (Chr. Dovilla, M., 466-4895), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

HB 525 **911 CALLS** (Johnson, G.) To require multi-line telephone systems to have a default configuration that permits users to directly initiate a call to 9-1-1 without dialing any additional digit or code. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 589 **UTILITY RESELLING** (Duffey, M.) To permit the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules governing residential utility reselling. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 72 **PORT AUTHORITIES** (Conditt, M.) To authorize port authorities to create energy special improvement districts for the purpose of developing and implementing plans for special energy improvement projects and to alter the law governing such districts that are governed by a nonprofit corporation. (5th Hearing-Possible substitute)

HB 554 **RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Amstutz, R.) To revise the requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency savings, and peak demand reduction and to revise provisions governing which customers can opt out of related programs. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Senate Health & Human Services (Committee Record) (Chr. Jones, S., 466-9737), North Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- Agenda to be announced
Senate Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hughes, J., 466-5981), Finance Hearing Rm., 10 a.m.

SB 355 **LOAN ACT** (Peterson, B.) To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

Senate Transportation, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 10:15 a.m.

- Ferzan Ahmed, State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors; Andrew Bainbridge, JD, Ski Tramway Board; Kristine Burdick and Rowland Giller, III, Ohio Real Estate Commission; James Gasior and Michael Peterson, Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission; Stephanie Green, Janet Orosz and Richard Zaleski, Ohio Fair Plan Underwriting Association Board of Governors; W. Craig Zimpher, State Employment Relations Board; Bill Dingus, Chris Kershner and Christopher Powell, Transportation Review

Advisory Council; J. Richard Lumpe, State Employment Relations Board; Ross McGregor, State Personnel Board of Review; Scott Murray, Board of Motor Vehicle Repair; Thomas Needles, Motor Vehicle Dealers Board; Gary Siciliano, Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealers Licensing Board and George Snyder, State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services

- HB 341** TRANSPORTATION LAWS (Young, R., Sweeney, M.) To require the Public Utilities Commission to raise the existing statutorily designated towing and storage fees annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, to establish a \$35 fee for the retrieval of nonmedical personal items from a motor vehicle, to modify the civil penalties applicable to violations of the towing law, to modify the calculation of the value of an abandoned vehicle to which a towing service or storage facility seeks to take title, and to make other changes to the towing law. (2nd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 532** REAL ESTATE SALES (Smith, R.) Relating to real estate brokers and salespersons. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 345** LICENSE PLATE (Jones, S.) To create the Conquer Childhood Cancer license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 359** LICENSE PLATE (Uecker, J.) To create the Down Syndrome Awareness license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 361** LICENSE PLATE (Thomas, C.) To create the "Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness" license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 363** LICENSE PLATE (Oelslager, S.) To create the "Buckeye Corvette" license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 436** DUI SENTENCES (Cupp, R., Rogers, J.) To authorize a judge that grants limited driving privileges to a second-time OVI offender to order the termination of the mandatory immobilization order. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 455** BOARDING SCHOOL ZONE (Patterson, J., Roegner, K.) To authorize a municipal corporation or township to establish a boarding school zone and a special speed limit within that zone. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.
- Senate Criminal Justice (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 11:15 a.m.
- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Larry Mincks, Sr. and Christopher Viland, Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission

- HB 172** CRIMINAL RECORDS (Barnes, J.) To enact the Fair and Accurate Reporting of Criminal Records Law, to require certain business entities that publish criminal record information to ensure that the information is complete and accurate, to provide a procedure by which a subject of published criminal record information may have incomplete or inaccurate information corrected or removed from the publication, and to provide remedies for the failure of a business entity to remove or correct incomplete or inaccurate information. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 237** DRUG VOLUME (LaRose, F.) To provide that five milligrams or more of fentanyl or an amount equal to or exceeding one gram of a compound, mixture, preparation, or

substance that contains any amount of fentanyl and that is not in a final dosage form manufactured by an authorized manufacturer constitutes a bulk amount for purposes of the laws governing drug offenses, to revise the manner of determining sentence for certain violations of the offense of permitting drug abuse, and to add lisdexamfetamine to the list of schedule II controlled substances. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

SB 162

DEATH SENTENCES (Seitz, B., Williams, S.) To provide that a person convicted of aggravated murder who shows that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense cannot be sentenced to death for the offense and to provide a mechanism for resentencing to a life sentence a person previously sentenced to death who proves that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense. (7th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

SB 195

SEXUAL CONDUCT (Hughes, J., Hottinger, J.) To prohibit a person from engaging in sexual conduct with an animal and related acts, to provide for the seizure and impoundment of an animal that is the subject of a violation, and to authorize a sentencing court to require an offender to undergo psychological evaluation or counseling. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SB 265

CASINO OPERATORS (Seitz, B.) To specify that the criminal penalty related to casino operators and employees participating in casino gaming applies at their casino facility or an affiliated casino facility. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 405

IMPORTUNING (Schaffer, T., Smith, K.) To amend the penalties for the offense of importuning. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 185

ARSON (Koehler, K.) To eliminate lack of the property owner's consent as an element of arson when the property is abandoned real property and to make the consent of the owner of abandoned real property an affirmative defense. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 521

PAROLE ELIGIBILITY (Manning, N.) To provide special parole eligibility dates for persons with an indefinite or life sentence imposed for an offense committed when the person was less than 18 years of age, to require the Parole Board to consider specified mitigating factors in those cases, and to require notice to the Ohio Public Defender and prosecuting attorney prior to the parole consideration hearing. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 439

VOYEURISM (Anielski, M.) To include an impaired person as a victim of voyeurism and to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 316

SEXUAL IMPOSITION (Hughes, J.) To increase the penalty for sexual imposition when the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of sexual imposition or other specified sex offenses. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Canceled: House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

- If needed

Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

House State Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Maag, R., 644-6023), Rm. 121, 2:30 p.m.








- SB 227** **ATTORNEY GENERAL (Bacon, K.)** To make various changes to the laws governing the duties and functions of the Attorney General. (2nd Hearing-Opponent-Possible amendment & vote)
- HB 577** **LAME DUCK SESSIONS (Boose, T.)** To prohibit the General Assembly from holding sessions after the general election in an even-numbered year. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HJR 7** **BANKING FUNCTIONS (Sheehy, M., Ramos, D.)** To urge the United States Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation that would reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking function that was in effect under the Glass-Steagall Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HR 383** **TRAIN CREWS (Sheehy, M., Lepore-Hagan, M.)** To support the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed rule requiring trains operated in the United State to have at least a two-person crew. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 331** **SAFETY BELTS (Phillips, D.)** To require all passengers in automobiles to wear safety belts. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HR 344** **CORPORATE BOARDS (Johnson, G., Boggs, K.)** To urge equitable and diverse gender representation on the corporate boards of directors of companies based in Ohio. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 494** **FIREARMS (Antonio, N., Boyd, J.)** To require a court that issues a protection order to determine if the respondent is prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm, to require a court to determine whether an offender who has been convicted of specified offenses is prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm, and to require a respondent or offender who the court determines is prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm to transfer all firearms in the person's possession to a law enforcement agency or a federally licensed firearms dealer. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 324** **DAY DESIGNATION (Ramos, D.)** To declare November 23rd as Fleet Admiral Ernest Joseph King Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 381** **NUTRITION PROGRAMS (Ramos, D., Howse, S.)** To require the Director of Job and Family Services to request a federal waiver of time limits for certain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 332** **REPLICA VEHICLE TITLES (Patterson, J.)** To provide that when a certificate of title is issued for a motor vehicle, the owner may request that the certificate indicate that the motor vehicle is a replica vehicle. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 330** **EQUAL PAY CERTIFICATE (Howse, S., Clyde, K.)** To require a contractor or person submitting a bid or other proposal for a state contract or a business entity applying for a grant or other economic incentive from a state agency to obtain an equal pay certificate, to require state agencies and political subdivisions to establish a job evaluation system to identify and eliminate sex-based wage disparities among classes of employees, and to prohibit an employer from retaliating against an employee who discusses the employee's salary or wage rate with another employee. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 337** **DAY DESIGNATION (Clyde, K.)** To designate the fourth Tuesday of September as Ohio Voter Registration Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HR 56** **EQUAL PAY DAY (Fedor, T.)** To recognize April 14, 2015, as Equal Pay Day to encourage public awareness of the gender wage gap. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 329** **DAY DESIGNATION (Howse, S., Boyd, J.)** To designate February 23 as Louis Stokes Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 519** **LSC DUTIES (Howse, S.)** To require the Director of the Legislative Service Commission to prepare a human impact statement concerning a bill or resolution that proposes to amend the law governing criminal justice. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 23** **DAY DESIGNATION (Howse, S.)** To designate June 15, 2015, as Karamu House Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150), South Hearing Rm., 4:30 p.m.
- SB 271** **POLICE ANIMALS (Gentile, L.)** To authorize a law enforcement officer to purchase a police dog or horse for fair market value when the officer retires in good standing from a law enforcement agency and certain conditions are met, and to declare an emergency. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Thursday, December 1

Senate Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hughes, J., 466-5981), Finance Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- SB 355** **LOAN ACT (Peterson, B.)** To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- Senate Transportation, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.
- HB 341** **TRANSPORTATION LAWS (Young, R., Sweeney, M.)** To require the Public Utilities Commission to raise the existing statutorily designated towing and storage fees annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, to establish a \$35 fee for the retrieval of nonmedical personal items from a motor vehicle, to modify the civil penalties applicable to violations of the towing law, to modify the calculation of the value of an abandoned vehicle to which a towing service or storage facility seeks to take title, and to make other changes to the towing law. (3rd Hearing-Proponent & interested party-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 455** **BOARDING SCHOOL ZONE (Patterson, J., Roegner, K.)** To authorize a municipal corporation or township to establish a boarding school zone and a special speed limit within that zone. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 202** **FRONT LICENSE PLATE (Thomas, C.)** To specify that failure to display a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle that is required to display a license plate on the front and rear of the vehicle is a secondary traffic offense, to establish a maximum fine of \$25 for such an offense, to name this act the "DuBose Was A Beacon Act," and to amend the version of section 4503.21 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2017, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 436**  **DUI SENTENCES** (Cupp, R., Rogers, J.) To authorize a judge that grants limited driving privileges to a second-time OVI offender to order the termination of the mandatory immobilization order. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 236**  **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS** (Landis, A., Blessing, L.) To require professional engineers to complete continuing professional development hours in professional ethics or rules relevant to engineering or surveying practices. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 249**  **ROOFING CONTRACTORS** (Patton, T.) To require commercial roofing contractors to have a license. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- House Finance** (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 10 a.m.
- SB 235**  **PROPERTY TAXES** (Beagle, B., Coley, B.) To exempt from property tax the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned until the completion of new commercial or industrial facilities at the property. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)
- SB 331**  **PET STORES** (Peterson, B.) To regulate the sale of dogs from pet stores and dog retailers and to require the Director of Agriculture to license pet stores. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- SB 319**  **DRUG REGULATIONS** (Eklund, J.) To revise certain laws regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction services. (2nd Hearing-Possible substitute)
- SB 332**  **INFANT MORTALITY** (Jones, S., Tavares, C.) To provide for the implementation of recommendations made by the Commission on Infant Mortality and to authorize pharmacists to administer by injection certain prescribed drugs. (2nd Hearing-Possible substitute)

Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 11 a.m.

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

Tuesday, December 6

House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.


Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

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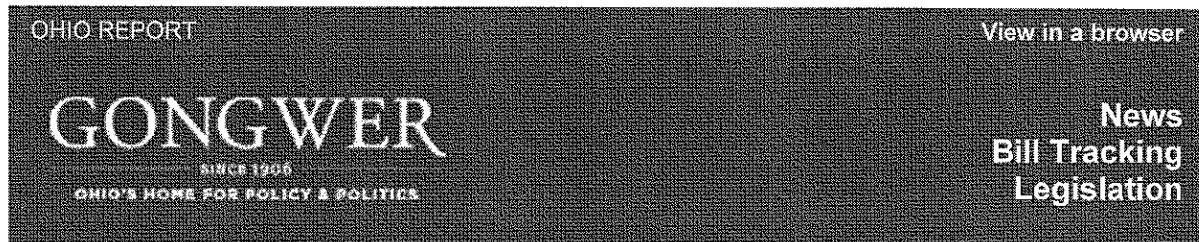
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Senate Activity for Tuesday, November 22, 2016

INTRODUCED

SB 369 ■ **ROAD NAMING** (Patton, T., Manning, G.) To designate a portion of Interstate Route 90 in Cuyahoga County as the "Patrol Trooper Kenneth Velez Memorial Highway." Am. 5534.46

SB 370 ■ **LICENSE PLATE** (Patton, T.) To create the "University of Notre Dame" license plate. Am. 4501.21 and to enact section 4503.514

SB 371 ■ **COUNTY PROSECUTORS** (Thomas, C.) To prohibit prosecuting attorneys of counties with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law. Am. 309.02 and 325.11

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Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 11/23/2016

Monday, November 28

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 119, 10:30 a.m.
Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), Finance Hearing Rm., 2 p.m.

- SB 136** **SCHOOL SECLUSION** (Tavares, C.) To prohibit the use of seclusion on students in public schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 346** **SCHOOL YEAR** (Manning, G.) To generally require public and chartered nonpublic schools to open for instruction after Labor Day. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 89** **MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM** (DeVitis, T.) Regarding the Medicaid School Program. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 383** **FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Hagan, C., McColley, R.) To require one-half unit of economic and financial literacy in the high school social studies curriculum, to require the Chancellor of Higher Education to prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, to require the State Board of Education to include information on the informed student document in the standards and model curricula it creates for financial literacy and entrepreneurship, and to entitle the act the "Informed Student Document Act." (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 85** **ABUSE PREVENTION** (Ramos, D., Hagan, C.) With respect to age-appropriate student instruction in child sexual abuse and sexual violence prevention and in-service staff training in child sexual abuse prevention. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Tuesday, November 29

House State Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Maag, R., 644-6023), Rm. 113, 9 a.m.

- SB 227** **ATTORNEY GENERAL** (Bacon, K.) To make various changes to the laws governing the duties and functions of the Attorney General. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
House Agriculture & Rural Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Hill, B., 644-6014), Rm. 116, 9 a.m.
- HR 214** **PHOSPHORUS AGREEMENT** (Sheehy, M., Fedor, T.) To encourage support for the agreement between Ontario, Michigan and Ohio regarding the reduction of phosphorus in the western basin of Lake Erie. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 566** **NURSERY STOCK** (Ramos, D.) To prohibit the labeling and advertising of nursery stock as pollinator beneficial under specified conditions (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
House Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 466-6711), Rm. 017, 9 a.m.
- HB 498** **STUDENT EXPULSIONS** (Kunze, S.) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 372 **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (Phillips, D.)** To require city, exempted village, and local school districts to employ, for each 1,000 students, at least five full-time equivalent educational service personnel in specified areas. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
House Insurance (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

SB 27 **FIREFIGHTER CANCER (Patton, T.)** To provide that a firefighter who is disabled as a result of specified types of cancer is presumed for purposes of the laws governing workers' compensation and the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund to have incurred the cancer while performing official duties as a firefighter. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)

HB 394 **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION (Sears, B.)** To temporarily change the taxable wage base under Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law, to remove dependency classes for unemployment compensation benefit eligibility, to temporarily freeze automatic increases for weekly unemployment compensation benefit amounts, to reduce the number of weeks for which an individual may receive unemployment compensation benefits, to abolish the Unemployment Compensation Advisory Council, and to make other changes to Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Dever, J., 466-8120), Rm. 122, 9 a.m.

HB 593 **CROWDFUNDING (Arndt, S.)** To permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 598 **LOAN ACT (Terhar, L.)** To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

HB 616 **BANKING LAW (Amstutz, R.)** For the purpose of enacting a new banking law for the State of Ohio. (1st Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150), South Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of S. Craig Beam, Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund Advisor Council; Kelly Cole, Southern Ohio Agricultural and Community Development Foundation; Cy Prettyman, Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board and Michael Frazier and Gregory Levens, Dangerous & Restricted Animals Advisory Board

SB 151 **DOGS LAW (Beagle, B.)** To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. (4th Hearing-Opponent)

SB 224 **AGRICULTURE LAWS (Brown, E.)** To revise the application and enforcement of the law governing operation and management plans, and to require certain animal feeding facilities to annually report the amount of manure that is applied by or for the facilities. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 271 **POLICE ANIMALS (Gentile, L.)** To authorize a law enforcement officer to purchase a police dog or horse for fair market value when the officer retires in good standing from a law enforcement agency and certain conditions are met, and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 018, 9:30 a.m.

- HB 561** **PARK COMMISSIONERS** (Bocchieri, J., Clyde, K.) To require boards of county commissioners to appoint additional park board commissioners and allow for public comment during appointment process. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 562** **MAIL DELIVERY** (Hambley, S., Ryan, S.) To authorize local governments and officers to deliver certain notices by ordinary mail and electronically instead of by certified mail. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 576** **PUBLIC RECORDS** (Ryan, S.) To exempt from the Public Records Act financial account numbers and identifying information in public records and to provide that taxpayer electronic mail address lists used by county treasurers to deliver tax bills are not public records. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082), North Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of Thomas Pascarella, Ohio Retirement Study Council

- SB 347** **PRIMARY ELECTIONS** (LaRose, F.) To expand the circumstances under which a board of elections or the secretary of state is not required to hold a primary election. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 322** **POLICE TRAINING** (Hite, C.) To require the Ohio peace officer training commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed chiefs of police appointed on or after January 1, 2017, and to require newly appointed chiefs of police of villages, cities, and townships to attend the training course within six months of appointment as a chief of police. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 306** **DAY DESIGNATION** (Yuko, K.) To designate July 8 as "Harrison Dillard Day." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 440** **AWARENESS DAY** (Anielski, M.) To designate the Saturday before Thanksgiving as "Ohio Survivors of Suicide Loss Day." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 276** **CHIROPRACTORS** (Schuring, K.) To authorize chiropractors to engage in certain activities involving nutrition-related items and therapies, nonprescription drugs, and medical goods and devices. (2nd Hearing-proponent)
- HB 423** **MILITARY RECORDS** (Perales, R.) To specify that an order for active military service or other documentation regarding the call to order of an individual in the Armed Forces of the United States or the Ohio organized militia is not a public record. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 167** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION** (Sweeney, M.) Regarding the term of a General Assembly member as a member of the Legislative Service Commission. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 10 a.m.

- SB 331** **PET STORES** (Peterson, B.) To regulate the sale of dogs from pet stores and dog retailers and to require the Director of Agriculture to license pet stores. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 235 **PROPERTY TAXES** (Beagle, B., Coley, B.) To exempt from property tax the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned until the completion of new commercial or industrial facilities at the property. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & substitute)
House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.
Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.
Senate Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hughes, J., 466-5981), Finance Hearing Rm., 11:15 a.m.

SB 335 **AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES** (Patton, T.) To regulate non-bank automated teller machines. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 355 **LOAN ACT** (Peterson, B.) To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Transportation & Infrastructure (Committee Record) (Chr. Boose, T., 466-9628), Rm. 018, 1 p.m. or after session

- **Agenda to be announced**

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. Schaffer, T., 466-8100), Rm. 121, 1:30 p.m. or after session

HB 482 **PROPERTY TAXES** (Dever, J.) To change the calculation of the exempt value of improved property subject to a community reinvestment area exemption, to clarify the calculation of the exempt value of property subject to a brownfield remediation exemption, and to authorize the filing of a complaint with the county auditor challenging the assessed value of fully or partially exempt property. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 592 **INVESTMENT COMPANIES** (Merrin, D.) To subject small business investment companies to the commercial activity tax rather than the financial institutions tax. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 612 **DISASTER BUSINESS EXEMPTION** (Ryan, S.) To exempt out-of-state disaster businesses and qualifying out-of-state employees from certain taxes and laws with respect to disaster work on critical infrastructure performed in this state during a declared disaster (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 1:30 p.m. or after session

SB 206 **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS** (LaRose, F.) To require certain campaign committees and other entities to file campaign finance statements electronically and to require the Secretary of State to make the information in those statements available online. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 613 **SUNSET REVIEW LAW** (Amstutz, R.) To revise and renew the Sunset Review Law, to require that a Sunset Review Committee be convened to function during each oddnumbered General Assembly, and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Possible substitute)

HB 619 **STATE PROPERTY CONVEYANCES** (Rezabek, J.) To authorize the conveyance of, and the granting of perpetual easements to, state-owned real property. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)

SB 273 **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Bacon, K.)** To enact the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 329 **SUNSET REVIEW (Jordan, K., Faber, K.)** To require standing committees of the General Assembly to establish a schedule for the periodic review and sunset of state departments that are currently in the Governor's cabinet. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 591 **SPECIAL ELECTIONS (Pelanda, D.)** To eliminate the requirement of holding a special election to fill a vacancy in a party nomination for the office of representative to Congress under certain circumstances. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 539 **NEW AMERICANS (Boyce, K.)** To create the office for New Americans. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 536 **STATEHOUSE VIDEO (Fedor, T.)** To require the Ohio Government Telecommunications Service to broadcast live, with video and audio content, all General Assembly committee meetings and to name this act the Wire the Statehouse Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HR 192 **VOTING RIGHTS ACT (Clyde, K., Reece, A.)** Commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HR 206 **CONFEDERATE FLAG (Sykes, E., Reece, A.)** To urge the powers of the governments that continue to make issuances containing the confederate flag to discontinue this practice, to urge the powers of the governments that fly the confederate flag or any flag containing imagery of the confederate flag on public property to remove those flags in question, to urge the powers of governments that have official state flags that contain imagery derived from the confederate flag to commence in the process of redesigning the official state flag immediately, to urge South Carolina's General Assembly to direct removal of the confederate flag from state property and to urge Ohio retailers to remove from inventory any confederate flag merchandise. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 179 **VOTER REGISTRATION (Stinziano, M., Sykes, E.)** To require that eligible persons in the database of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically, as applicable, unless those persons decline to be registered or to update their registrations. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.
House Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. Young, R., 644-6074), Rm. 122, 2 p.m. or after session

HB 601 **MICROBUSINESS (Pelanda, D.)** To create a statutory definition of "microbusiness." (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 574 **USED TIRES (Sprague, R., DeVitis, T.)** To prohibit the installation of unsafe used tires on certain motor vehicles. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments available at <http://www.gongwer-oh.com/public/130/finconfirm.pdf>

HB 435 **STATE FINANCING (McClain, J.)** To authorize the Treasurer of State to issue revenue obligations of the state for the purpose of making loans to qualifying public

entities for their acquisition of permanent improvements through the Treasurer of State's purchase of public obligations of those qualifying entities. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 230 **ACADEMIC DISTRESS COMMISSIONS** (Schiavoni, J.) With regard to the operation of academic distress commissions and to modify the earmarked funding for the establishment of academic distress commissions. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 384 **HIGHER EDUCATION AUDITS** (Schaffer, T., Duffey, M.) To specify that state institutions of higher education may be subject to performance audits conducted by the Auditor of State. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

SB 317 **BANKING LAWS** (Hughes, J., Coley, B.) For the purpose of enacting a new banking law for the State of Ohio. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Senate Health & Human Services (Committee Record) (Chr. Jones, S., 466-9737), North Hearing Rm., 3 p.m. or after session

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Stephanie Loucka, Director of the Department of Aging; Billy Anderson, Jr., Ashok Das, Michael Ginder and Kumar Subramanian, D.D.S., State Dental Board; Raymond Mancini, John Patton, III, James Armile and John Stainbrook, Ohio Athletic Commission; Michael Aquillo, Ohio Respiratory Care Board; Michael Pratt, Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Licensing Board; Ronan Factora, State Medical Board; Paul Schoonover, Chemical Dependency Professionals Board; Christopher Taylor, Ohio Board of Dietetics; Fred Weaver, Kilee Yarosh, Timothy Bechtold, State Board of Pharmacy; Jason Dapore, Hollie Kozak, Chad Miller and Jennifer Wissinger, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board.

HB 216 **NURSES** (Pelanda, D.) To revise the law governing advanced practice registered nurses. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments)

HB 285 **PRESCRIPTION REFILLS** (Sprague, R.) To authorize pharmacists to dispense multiple refills of a prescription simultaneously under certain circumstances. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 470 **PALLIATIVE CARE FACILITIES** (Schuring, K.) Regarding palliative care facilities. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 42 **OUTPATIENT TREATMENT** (Beagle, B.) Regarding minors and outpatient mental health treatment. (5th Hearing-All testimony)

SB 314 **HOSPITAL CARE** (Lehner, P.) To provide for the designation of a lay person to provide after-care to a hospital inpatient and participate in discharge planning. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

HB 290 **TERMINAL PATIENTS** (Sprague, R., Anielski, M.) To permit a physician to treat a terminally ill patient with a drug that is not approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration and permit a drug manufacturer to provide such a drug to the patient or physician. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)

HB 505 **BIOLOGICAL PRODUCTS** (Huffman, S., Pelanda, D.) Regarding the regulation of biological products and the substitution of interchangeable biological products when dispensed by pharmacists. (3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party-Possible amendments)

House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Public Safety (Committee Record) (Chr. Johnson, T., 466-2124), Rm. 017, 3:30 p.m.

- HB 464** **NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIPS** (Terhar, L., Brinkman, T.) To specify that a National Guard scholarship recipient who fails to complete the recipient's term of enlistment in the National Guard due to enlistment, warrant, commission, or appointment in the United States armed forces is not liable for repayment of the scholarship. (3rd Hearing-Possible substitute & vote)
- HB 105** **MILITARY TRANSFERS** (Craig, H., Perales, R.) To permit persons who quit work to accompany the person's spouse on a military transfer to be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- House Judiciary (Committee Record) (Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008), Rm. 116, 3:30 p.m.
- SB 284** **EXPUNGEMENT** (Obhof, L.) To provide that a person who is found not guilty of an offense by a jury or a court or who is the defendant named in a dismissed complaint, indictment, or information may apply to the court for an order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the complaint, indictment, or information or finding of not guilty was the result of the applicant having been a victim of human trafficking and to authorize intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 257** **REAL PROPERTY** (Seitz, B., Skindell, M.) To create a presumption of validity of recorded real property instruments, reduce the time period for curing certain defects related to those instruments, and provide constructive notice for those instruments. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
- HB 559** **MEDICAL CLAIMS** (Cupp, R.) To grant qualified civil immunity to certain medical providers who provide emergency medical services as a result of a disaster or mass hazard; to provide that certain communications made regarding an unanticipated outcome of medical care, the development or implementation of standards under federal laws, and an insurer's reimbursement policies on health care are inadmissible as evidence in a medical claim; to provide that medical bills itemizing charges are inadmissible as evidence and a payment for medical services accepted by a defendant from an insurer is admissible as evidence of the reasonableness of the charges; to specify the manner of sending a notice of intent to file a medical claim and provide a procedure for the discovery of other potential claims within a specified period after the filing of a medical claim; to provide that any loss of a chance of recovery or survival by itself is not an injury, death, or loss for which damages may be recovered; to provide civil immunity to certain medical providers regarding the discharge of a patient with a mental condition that threatens the safety of the patient or others; to require that governmental agencies that receive peer review committee records maintain their confidentiality; and to clarify the definition of "medical claim." (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
- HB 602** **DIGITAL ASSETS** (Cupp, R., Rezabek, J.) To adopt the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)
- SB 299** **PERRY COUNTY COURTS** (Hottinger, J.) To create the Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington on January 1, 2017, to establish one full-time judgeship in that court, to provide for the nomination of the judge by petition only, to abolish the Perry County County Court on that date, to designate the Perry County Clerk of Courts as

the clerk of the Perry County Municipal Court, and to provide for the election for the Perry County Municipal Court of one full-time judge in 2017. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 581 **LLC REGULATIONS (Dever, J., Reineke, B.)** To permit and regulate managers, members, and interests of series limited liability companies. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 139 **POST-CONVICTION RELIEF (Seitz, B., Williams, S.)** To require the clerk of a common pleas court to retain a copy of the original trial file when a death penalty is imposed, to specify that there is no page limit on petitions for postconviction relief in death penalty cases or in appeals of denials of such relief, to modify the time for filing an amended postconviction relief petition in death penalty cases, to provide for depositions and subpoenas during discovery in postconviction relief proceedings in death penalty cases, and to require a judge hearing a postconviction relief proceeding in a death penalty case to state specifically in the findings of fact and conclusions of law why each claim was either denied or granted. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 106 **PUBLIC INDECENCY (Schaffer, T.)** To require an offender who knowingly commits the offense of public indecency under certain circumstances involving conduct likely to be viewed by minors to register as a Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

HB 283 **DNA TESTING (Fedor, T.)** To require DNA testing for misdemeanor convictions of voyeurism, public indecency, procuring, soliciting, loitering to engage in soliciting, and prostitution. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

House Community & Family Advancement (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 4 p.m.

SB 30 **FAMILY STABILITY (Tavares, C.)** To create the Ohio Family Stability Commission. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 286 **MARRIAGE (Vitale, N.)** To provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not required to solemnize a marriage and a religious society is not required to allow any building or property of the religious society to be used to host a marriage ceremony if the marriage does not conform to the ordained or licensed minister's or religious society's sincerely held religious beliefs, to provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not subject to civil or criminal liability for such a denial, and to provide that the state and political subdivisions may not penalize or withhold benefits to an ordained or licensed minister or religious society for such a denial. (6th Hearing-All testimony)

HB 458 **FOSTER CARE (Boyce, K., Rezabek, J.)** To provide foster care maintenance payments for children in the care of a kinship caregiver without requiring the caregiver to be certified to provide foster care and to require, rather than permit, the creation of the statewide program of kinship care navigators. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 308 **CHILD SUPPORT (Coley, B.)** To amend the child support laws. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

- HB 618** **RECORD EXPUNGEMENT** (Schuring, K., Reece, A.) To provide for the expungement of official records related to the apprehension, arrest, criminal charging, or trial of a person based on mistaken identity. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), Finance Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.
- Paolo DeMaria, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will testify on the revised English language arts and math learning standards pursuant to 3301.079 (J).

HB 410 **TRUANCY** (Rezabek, J., Hayes, B.) With regard to habitual and chronic truancy and compulsory school attendance. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 89 **MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM** (DeVitis, T.) Regarding the Medicaid School Program. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SB 126 **OPEN ENROLLMENT** (Sawyer, T.) To terminate interdistrict open enrollment on that date with the possibility of renewal following the General Assembly's examination of the study's findings. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Wednesday, November 30

House Public Utilities (Committee Record) (Chr. Dovilla, M., 466-4895), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

HB 525 **911 CALLS** (Johnson, G.) To require multi-line telephone systems to have a default configuration that permits users to directly initiate a call to 9-1-1 without dialing any additional digit or code. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 589 **UTILITY RESELLING** (Duffey, M.) To permit the Public Utilities Commission to adopt rules governing residential utility reselling. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 72 **PORT AUTHORITIES** (Conditt, M.) To authorize port authorities to create energy special improvement districts for the purpose of developing and implementing plans for special energy improvement projects and to alter the law governing such districts that are governed by a nonprofit corporation. (5th Hearing-Possible substitute)

HB 554 **RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Amstutz, R.) To revise the requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency savings, and peak demand reduction and to revise provisions governing which customers can opt out of related programs. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

Senate Health & Human Services (Committee Record) (Chr. Jones, S., 466-9737), North Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- Agenda to be announced
Senate Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hughes, J., 466-5981), Finance Hearing Rm., 10 a.m.

SB 355 **LOAN ACT** (Peterson, B.) To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

Senate Transportation, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 10:15 a.m.

- Ferzan Ahmed, State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors; Andrew Bainbridge, JD, Ski Tramway Board; Kristine Burdick and Rowland Giller, III, Ohio Real Estate Commission; James Gasior and Michael Peterson, Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission; Stephanie Green, Janet Orosz and Richard Zaleski, Ohio Fair Plan Underwriting Association Board of Governors; W. Craig Zimpher, State Employment Relations Board; Bill Dingus, Chris Kershner and Christopher Powell, Transportation Review

Advisory Council; J. Richard Lumpe, State Employment Relations Board; Ross McGregor, State Personnel Board of Review; Scott Murray, Board of Motor Vehicle Repair; Thomas Needles, Motor Vehicle Dealers Board; Gary Siciliano, Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealers Licensing Board and George Snyder, State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services

- HB 341** **TRANSPORTATION LAWS** (Young, R., Sweeney, M.) To require the Public Utilities Commission to raise the existing statutorily designated towing and storage fees annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, to establish a \$35 fee for the retrieval of nonmedical personal items from a motor vehicle, to modify the civil penalties applicable to violations of the towing law, to modify the calculation of the value of an abandoned vehicle to which a towing service or storage facility seeks to take title, and to make other changes to the towing law. (2nd Hearing-Opponent & interested party)
- HB 532** **REAL ESTATE SALES** (Smith, R.) Relating to real estate brokers and salespersons. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 345** **LICENSE PLATE** (Jones, S.) To create the Conquer Childhood Cancer license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 359** **LICENSE PLATE** (Uecker, J.) To create the Down Syndrome Awareness license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 361** **LICENSE PLATE** (Thomas, C.) To create the "Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness" license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 363** **LICENSE PLATE** (Oelslager, S.) To create the "Buckeye Corvette" license plate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 436** **DUI SENTENCES** (Cupp, R., Rogers, J.) To authorize a judge that grants limited driving privileges to a second-time OVI offender to order the termination of the mandatory immobilization order. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 455** **BOARDING SCHOOL ZONE** (Patterson, J., Roegner, K.) To authorize a municipal corporation or township to establish a boarding school zone and a special speed limit within that zone. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.
- Senate Criminal Justice (Committee Record) (Chr. Eklund, J., 644-7718), South Hearing Rm., 11:15 a.m.
- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Larry Mincks, Sr. and Christopher Viland, Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission

- HB 172** **CRIMINAL RECORDS** (Barnes, J.) To enact the Fair and Accurate Reporting of Criminal Records Law, to require certain business entities that publish criminal record information to ensure that the information is complete and accurate, to provide a procedure by which a subject of published criminal record information may have incomplete or inaccurate information corrected or removed from the publication, and to provide remedies for the failure of a business entity to remove or correct incomplete or inaccurate information. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 237** **DRUG VOLUME** (LaRose, F.) To provide that five milligrams or more of fentanyl or an amount equal to or exceeding one gram of a compound, mixture, preparation, or

substance that contains any amount of fentanyl and that is not in a final dosage form manufactured by an authorized manufacturer constitutes a bulk amount for purposes of the laws governing drug offenses, to revise the manner of determining sentence for certain violations of the offense of permitting drug abuse, and to add lisdexamfetamine to the list of schedule II controlled substances. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

SB 162

DEATH SENTENCES (Seitz, B., Williams, S.) To provide that a person convicted of aggravated murder who shows that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense cannot be sentenced to death for the offense and to provide a mechanism for resentencing to a life sentence a person previously sentenced to death who proves that the person had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense. (7th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

SB 195

SEXUAL CONDUCT (Hughes, J., Hottinger, J.) To prohibit a person from engaging in sexual conduct with an animal and related acts, to provide for the seizure and impoundment of an animal that is the subject of a violation, and to authorize a sentencing court to require an offender to undergo psychological evaluation or counseling. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

SB 265

CASINO OPERATORS (Seitz, B.) To specify that the criminal penalty related to casino operators and employees participating in casino gaming applies at their casino facility or an affiliated casino facility. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 405

IMPORTUNING (Schaffer, T., Smith, K.) To amend the penalties for the offense of importuning. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 185

ARSON (Koehler, K.) To eliminate lack of the property owner's consent as an element of arson when the property is abandoned real property and to make the consent of the owner of abandoned real property an affirmative defense. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 521

PAROLE ELIGIBILITY (Manning, N.) To provide special parole eligibility dates for persons with an indefinite or life sentence imposed for an offense committed when the person was less than 18 years of age, to require the Parole Board to consider specified mitigating factors in those cases, and to require notice to the Ohio Public Defender and prosecuting attorney prior to the parole consideration hearing. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

HB 439

VOYEURISM (Anielski, M.) To include an impaired person as a victim of voyeurism and to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SB 316

SEXUAL IMPOSITION (Hughes, J.) To increase the penalty for sexual imposition when the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to three or more violations of sexual imposition or other specified sex offenses. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Canceled: House Session-(Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

- If needed

Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

House State Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Maag, R., 644-6023), Rm. 121, 2:30 p.m.

- SB 227** **ATTORNEY GENERAL (Bacon, K.)** To make various changes to the laws governing the duties and functions of the Attorney General. (2nd Hearing-Opponent-Possible amendment & vote)
- HB 577** **LAME DUCK SESSIONS (Boose, T.)** To prohibit the General Assembly from holding sessions after the general election in an even-numbered year. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HJR 7** **BANKING FUNCTIONS (Sheehy, M., Ramos, D.)** To urge the United States Congress and the President of the United States to enact legislation that would reinstate the separation of commercial and investment banking function that was in effect under the Glass-Steagall Act. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HR 383** **TRAIN CREWS (Sheehy, M., Lepore-Hagan, M.)** To support the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed rule requiring trains operated in the United State to have at least a two-person crew. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 331** **SAFETY BELTS (Phillips, D.)** To require all passengers in automobiles to wear safety belts. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HR 344** **CORPORATE BOARDS (Johnson, G., Boggs, K.)** To urge equitable and diverse gender representation on the corporate boards of directors of companies based in Ohio. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 494** **FIREARMS (Antonio, N., Boyd, J.)** To require a court that issues a protection order to determine if the respondent is prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm, to require a court to determine whether an offender who has been convicted of specified offenses is prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm, and to require a respondent or offender who the court determines is prohibited from carrying or possessing a firearm to transfer all firearms in the person's possession to a law enforcement agency or a federally licensed firearms dealer. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 324** **DAY DESIGNATION (Ramos, D.)** To declare November 23rd as Fleet Admiral Ernest Joseph King Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 381** **NUTRITION PROGRAMS (Ramos, D., Howse, S.)** To require the Director of Job and Family Services to request a federal waiver of time limits for certain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 332** **REPLICA VEHICLE TITLES (Patterson, J.)** To provide that when a certificate of title is issued for a motor vehicle, the owner may request that the certificate indicate that the motor vehicle is a replica vehicle. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 330** **EQUAL PAY CERTIFICATE (Howse, S., Clyde, K.)** To require a contractor or person submitting a bid or other proposal for a state contract or a business entity applying for a grant or other economic incentive from a state agency to obtain an equal pay certificate, to require state agencies and political subdivisions to establish a job evaluation system to identify and eliminate sex-based wage disparities among classes of employees, and to prohibit an employer from retaliating against an employee who discusses the employee's salary or wage rate with another employee. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 337** DAY DESIGNATION (Clyde, K.) To designate the fourth Tuesday of September as Ohio Voter Registration Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HR 56** EQUAL PAY DAY (Fedor, T.) To recognize April 14, 2015, as Equal Pay Day to encourage public awareness of the gender wage gap. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 329** DAY DESIGNATION (Howse, S., Boyd, J.) To designate February 23 as Louis Stokes Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 519** LSC DUTIES (Howse, S.) To require the Director of the Legislative Service Commission to prepare a human impact statement concerning a bill or resolution that proposes to amend the law governing criminal justice. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HCR 23** DAY DESIGNATION (Howse, S.) To designate June 15, 2015, as Karamu House Day. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150), South Hearing Rm., 4:30 p.m.
- SB 271** POLICE ANIMALS (Gentile, L.) To authorize a law enforcement officer to purchase a police dog or horse for fair market value when the officer retires in good standing from a law enforcement agency and certain conditions are met, and to declare an emergency. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Thursday, December 1

Senate Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (Chr. Hughes, J., 466-5981), Finance Hearing Rm., 9 a.m.

- SB 355** LOAN ACT (Peterson, B.) To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- Senate Transportation, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.
- HB 341** TRANSPORTATION LAWS (Young, R., Sweeney, M.) To require the Public Utilities Commission to raise the existing statutorily designated towing and storage fees annually by the percentage increase in the consumer price index, to establish a \$35 fee for the retrieval of nonmedical personal items from a motor vehicle, to modify the civil penalties applicable to violations of the towing law, to modify the calculation of the value of an abandoned vehicle to which a towing service or storage facility seeks to take title, and to make other changes to the towing law. (3rd Hearing-Proponent & interested party-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 455** BOARDING SCHOOL ZONE (Patterson, J., Roegner, K.) To authorize a municipal corporation or township to establish a boarding school zone and a special speed limit within that zone. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 202** FRONT LICENSE PLATE (Thomas, C.) To specify that failure to display a license plate on the front of a motor vehicle that is required to display a license plate on the front and rear of the vehicle is a secondary traffic offense, to establish a maximum fine of \$25 for such an offense, to name this act the "DuBose Was A Beacon Act," and to amend the version of section 4503.21 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2017, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- HB 436** **DUI SENTENCES** ([Cupp, R.](#), [Rogers, J.](#)) To authorize a judge that grants limited driving privileges to a second-time OVI offender to order the termination of the mandatory immobilization order. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 236** **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS** ([Landis, A.](#), [Blessing, L.](#)) To require professional engineers to complete continuing professional development hours in professional ethics or rules relevant to engineering or surveying practices. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- SB 249** **ROOFING CONTRACTORS** ([Patton, T.](#)) To require commercial roofing contractors to have a license. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- House Finance (Committee Record) ([Chr. Smith, R.](#), 466-1366), Rm. 313, 10 a.m.
- SB 235** **PROPERTY TAXES** ([Beagle, B.](#), [Coley, B.](#)) To exempt from property tax the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned until the completion of new commercial or industrial facilities at the property. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote)
- SB 331** **PET STORES** ([Peterson, B.](#)) To regulate the sale of dogs from pet stores and dog retailers and to require the Director of Agriculture to license pet stores. (2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute)
- SB 319** **DRUG REGULATIONS** ([Eklund, J.](#)) To revise certain laws regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction services. (2nd Hearing-Possible substitute)
- SB 332** **INFANT MORTALITY** ([Jones, S.](#), [Tavares, C.](#)) To provide for the implementation of recommendations made by the Commission on Infant Mortality and to authorize pharmacists to administer by injection certain prescribed drugs. (2nd Hearing-Possible substitute)

Senate Session ([Chr. Faber, K.](#), 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 11 a.m.

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) ([Chr. Faber, K.](#), 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

Tuesday, December 6

House Session ([Chr. Rosenberger, C.](#), 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) ([Chr. Faber, K.](#), 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.


Senate Session ([Chr. Faber, K.](#), 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7

Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) ([Chr. Faber, K.](#), 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

House Session ([Chr. Rosenberger, C.](#), 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

Senate Session ([Chr. Faber, K.](#), 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

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Senate Hears Mixed Review Of Energy Freeze Bill; Early December Committee Vote Eyed

The state's top consumer utility advocate told a Senate panel Tuesday the renewable energy and energy efficiency benchmarks in a Senate bill are "reasonable."

But Ohio Consumers' Counsel Bruce Weston said in testimony before the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee that he still has plenty of concerns with the proposal (SB 320).

Mr. Weston's was one of a trio of witnesses on both sides of the issue to appear before the committee during the bill's third hearing.

Questioned by Chairman Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville), Mr. Weston said that a 12.5% renewable energy benchmark for 2029 and beyond was reasonable in his view. As for the 17% benchmark for energy efficiency - which was reduced from the bill's earlier 22% - Mr. Weston said that number is on the lower end of "something I could accept as reasonable."

Sen. Balderson said in an interview he has no intention of holding a vote on the issue next week considering the holiday and the short notice interested parties received about Tuesday's hearing.

"We'll have some more hearings," Sen. Balderson said. "We want to give everyone adequate time. We'd like to have at least something by the first of December that we can vote on."

Several amendments have been drafted behind the scenes, although it's unclear if and when they'll be introduced for consideration. Sponsor Sen. Bill Seitz said he is unsure whether he will introduce any of his prepared amendments next week.

"I think there are a couple things we could tweak along the way, but, yes, I do feel good about it," Sen. Balderson said of the status of the bill. "And I know one amendment might be the mercantile opt out. It's in there right now (to start) in 2019, but 2017 was talked about last week in committee."

Outlining his concerns with the bill, Mr. Weston urged the committee to: preclude utilities from charging consumers for shared savings that are not a direct result of utility programs or that are unrelated to electricity sales; add language to protect consumers from bearing any cost associated with the mercantile opt-out program, and; prohibit consideration of renewables and energy efficiency in cases other than those intended for implementing the energy standards.

Responding to a question from Sen. Seitz, Mr. Weston floated the idea of a 3% cost cap for consumers. He also argued for requiring utilities to use competitive bidding when retaining providers or vendors when implementing their energy efficiency programs.

He further advised against any attempts to add language permitting electricity rate hikes if a utility's financial integrity is at risk.

"If such a change in the law is to be considered by the legislature, it should be done in a standalone bill with a full public hearing process and not rushed in this limited post-election session," Mr. Weston said.

Brakey Energy President Matt Brakey was the only proponent to testify during this week's hearing. He said the company fully supports the mercantile customer opt-out and would even urge the provision to be enacted sooner.

The bill as written would expand opt-out eligibility to businesses consuming more than 700,000 kilowatt hours per year - a move opponents say is premature considering the existing opt-out doesn't begin until 2017. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, November 17, 2016)

Even if the opt-out timeline isn't advanced, Mr. Brakey said, lawmakers should act fast in reaching a resolution before the ongoing freeze on energy standards expires at year's end.

"Because of the cycle time of the electric distribution utilities, delaying commonsense reforms will require the utilities to launch another expensive, multi-year installment toward compliance that will be passed onto Ohio's residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers," he said. "This is an outcome Ohioans cannot afford."

Environmental Law and Policy Center Senior Attorney Rob Kelter said the group opposes the bill's removal of compliance mechanisms for the first three years.

Opponents argue such language waters down the state's approach to renewables while proponents say it buys the state more time pending the legal resolution of the Clean Power Plan.

"The utilities recover both their costs and lost revenues related to energy efficiency so they are held harmless. On top of that they share the savings they generate for customers through shared savings mechanisms that all the utilities have achieved," Mr. Kelter said. "Some utilities have earned bonuses as high as \$20 million per year from running the programs. Making the standards voluntary sends the wrong signal regarding the importance of the standards and the need to meet the targets."

Mr. Kelter said the group also opposes both the lowering of the energy efficiency benchmark to 17% and the potential expansion of the mercantile opt-out program.

"Somehow, listening to the testimony and comments from proponents, one would think

Ohio is about to become California," Mr. Kelter said. "We are only looking for a very reasonable and doable level of efficiency and renewables that will benefit all Ohioans through both cleaner air and lower bills."

Alan Rosenfield submitted written opponent testimony on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Ohio, saying that the bill "continues bad policy by refusing to require a reasonable percentage of energy come from renewable sources."

"We reject the idea that SB320 lifts the two-year freeze imposed on renewable energy requirements," he wrote. "We urge that the current language of O.R.C. 4928-64 be retained and oppose any changes in that section that are included in SB320."

Senate Panel Takes Up Ignition Interlock Device Measure

First-time OVI offenders could have the opportunity to be granted unlimited driving privileges, with a catch, under a House bill reviewed in the Senate Tuesday.

The legislation (HB 388) sponsored by Rep. Gary Scherer (R-Circleville) would allow first-time offenders to petition the court for unlimited driving privileges with an Ignition Interlock Device during the offender's driver's license suspension.

"Our current laws contain an ineffective system of limited driving privileges. The offender first has a period of 15 days where he or she cannot drive at all. Then he or she can obtain limited driving privileges from the judge and may be granted access to any occupational, educational, vocational, or medical destinations as well as commercial licensing exams and court mandated appearances during certain times of the day," he told members of the Senate Insurance Committee Tuesday.

"Second-time offenders are required to use a certified Ignition Interlock Device (IID) if restricted driving has been permitted. Second time offenders are also required to employ yellow license plates on their vehicles. The second offense provisions all too often give rise to plea bargains to reduce the overall punishment."

The legislation, dubbed "Annie's Law," also lengthens the first-time minimum suspension from six months to 12 months. However, that suspension can be cut in half if a court grants a request to use an IID.

In addition, the measure would also require a first-time offender to obtain a restricted license indicating the use of an IID is required.

"It is important to note that this language is permissive: the offender is not required to request the use of the device, nor is the judge required to allow the use of the device. The IID petition can only be granted at the time of conviction, not at the time of the arraignment. There is no change to current law for the time from arrest to conviction," Rep. Scherer said.

Yet another provision of the bill would extend the look-back period for OVI offenses from six to 10 years.

Sen. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) questioned the rationale behind that provision.

Rep. Scherer said it was requested by municipal court judges who believe the six-year window is not long enough.

In researching the legislation, Rep. Scherer told the panel that he voluntarily installed an IID in his own vehicle and sought to allay some of the misconceptions about the device, including the belief that an impaired driver could have a child blow into it to allow a vehicle to be started.

"It's not that simple to use," he said. "It does require a velocity of air going through the device, and a sustained velocity."

Chairman Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) asked if the devices require a driver to do anything while operating a vehicle.

Rep. Scherer said that some do require a "rolling retest," which he was initially opposed to until he learned that 28 states with similar laws also mandate continued testing after the initial one to allow the vehicle to start.

"It is not a significant burden," he said. "You can always pull over to the side of the road to do it. I found that once I got used to it, I didn't need to pull over to do it."

The bill is named after Annie Rooney, who was killed by a drunken driver in 2013.

"The woman who hit Annie that fateful day had at least three misdemeanor charges of operating a vehicle while impaired filed against her. Since her death, Annie's family has worked with Mothers Against Drunk Driving and others in their cause to reduce the number of casualties to this horrible tragedy that occurs far too often," Rep. Scherer said.

The bill has been in the works for three years and currently has no known opposition, Rep. Scherer told the panel.

The measure cleared the House in an 84-5 vote in May. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 18, 2016)

Proponents Urge Senate Support For Ohio EPA Updates

More than a dozen proponents testified or submitted written testimony to the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee Tuesday on the governor's second OEPA-themed mid-biennium review bill.

During the bill's (SB 333) second hearing before the committee, lawmakers asked no questions as witnesses touted what they perceive as the bill's merits.

By and large, the group said the bill would install much-needed oversight over construction and demolition debris processing plants, refocus the mission of the Lake Erie Commission, and permit the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's director to waive, transfer or revoke a 401 water quality certification. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 18, 2016)

Ohio Environmental Council Deputy Director Jack Shaner thanked the OEPA for participating in stakeholder meetings to gather feedback, saying the group is "confident that constructive compromise amendments will emerge."

That's because the group, which supports the bill, still has two areas of concern, Mr. Shaner said.

One provision worth revisiting, he said, is language that makes substantive changes to the makeup, authority and duties of the Lake Erie Commission. The bill's intent is to refocus the commission on helping the state meet its obligations under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

"It remains unclear how and to what extent the commission will ensure the...implementation of federal, state and local policies, programs and issues," Mr. Shaner said, recommending instead the language be changed so the commission can ensure coordination of "the funding, implementation, and monitoring" of those areas.

The group also requested a change in language enabling the OEPA director to grant 401 waivers, which proponents say will speed up projects already approved by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

OEC argues the waiver should be considered a final appealable order and should not be issued within 90 days of the agency's receipt of a complete application to allow actual agency review. Further, the group said the director should be required to include written justification for granting the waiver.

Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District Executive Director Diane Bickett testified the bill would address "serious problems" stemming from unregulated C&DD processing facilities in the county. She said such sites accumulate waste, becoming eyesores and ultimately shifting the burden of cleanup onto taxpayers.

"Most of the debris being accepted at this and other sham recycling facilities is debris resulting from the demolition of vacant homes," she said. "Demolition contractors cut costs by taking the debris to these sham recycling sites because they undercut the disposal fees that legitimate recyclers and landfills must charge in order to operate properly."

Ohio Environmental Health Association President Chad Brown said the group has spent a decade trying to address issues within the C&DD industry, but has made little progress without legislative action.

"There have been cases in all regions of the state where materials have been stockpiled without being processed properly, which has resulted in public nuisance situations," Mr. Brown said. "SB333 aims to address these nuisance conditions and provide the proper authority to OEPA and local health departments to address these issues."

Other witnesses praised different facets of the bill. Ohio Chamber of Commerce Director of Energy and Environmental Policy Zachary Frymier said the bill would improve business efficiency and surface water quality by strengthening the Certified Water Quality Professional Program.

Agreeing the bill would allow the state to address "bad actors" in the C&DD industry, he also praised the 401 waiver provision.

Ohio Rural Water Association Executive Director Kevin Strang singled out the bill's requirement that private water systems maintain an asset management plan. He said his association regularly assists systems with few resources that have overlooked or delayed maintenance and inventory planning.

"We have most recently provided extensive services to the villages of Botkins in Shelby County, Gratis in Preble County, and Spring Valley in Green County," he said. "In these three systems alone we project potential long term savings in excess of \$500,000 by reducing the need for premature repairs and replacement of system equipment."

Others testifying in support of the measure included Geoff Guss of Coschoton's McWane Ductile, professional engineer Alan Olsen, Great Lakes RCAP Director Debbie Martin, Hecla Water Association Inc. General Manager Tony Howard, and Materials Management Advisory Council Chairman Michael Dineen.

Submitting written proponent testimony were Port of Cleveland Vice President of External Affairs Jade Davis, Cuyahoga County Health Commissioner Terry Allan, Aqua Ohio Inc. and Aqua Ohio Wastewater Inc. President Ed Kolodziej, CSX Resident Vice President Rusty Orben, and a pair of Ohio residents.

Committee Chair Raises Concerns About Insurance Bill

The leader of a Senate committee on Tuesday questioned the efficacy of a measure designed to prevent certain uninsured drivers from collecting non-compensatory damages as a result of a traffic accident.

Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark), chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, said a recent study found that the measure (HB 279) would decrease the rate of uninsured drivers on Ohio's roadways by just 1.6%.

"Candidly, 1.6% is probably certainly inside the margin of error," he said.

Sponsoring Rep. Michael Henne (R-Clayton) said the legislation is about fairness. He likened the circumstances it addresses to a group that buys lottery tickets and hits a jackpot, then someone who did not contribute to the purchase asking for a share of the winnings.

"If everybody participates then we are protecting everybody," he said.

Sen. Hottinger also raised concerns about a letter from the Ohio Judicial Conference sent to Rep. Jeff Rezabek (R-Clayton), a co-sponsor of the bill, that suggested the measure could violate both the Equal Protection and Due Process clauses of the Ohio Constitution.

But Rep. Henne said just one state's high court found a similar measure to be unconstitutional.

Under the bill, those who have a previous conviction of driving without insurance in the past seven years would be barred from seeking non-compensatory damages in the event of a traffic accident.

"They can still collect damages for their damaged property, medical bills, and loss of wages," Rep. Henne said.

Uninsured motorists would still be able to sue for non-economic damages in what Rep. Henne described as egregious situations, including crashes involving a four- or six-point offense, texting while driving and wrongful death. Drivers under the age of 18 will also be exempted from the law.

An estimated 15% of Ohio drivers are uninsured, above the national average of 13%, according to Rep. Henne.

The number of crashes involving uninsured drivers increased from 50,151 in 2011 to 95,000 in 2015, he said.

"Drivers who repeatedly choose not to participate in a system that is designed to protect all drivers, by failing to purchase the required minimum limits of liability protection, will no longer receive the full benefits of this system," he said. "If they are injured by another driver, HB279 affords the uninsured driver more than the amount of protection they offer their victims."

Sen. Hottinger was not alone in questioning the measure. Sen. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) said she supports the goal behind the bill, but does not believe it will accomplish "a great deal."

"I would like to see a bill where we come forth with some method by which we use some other stick," she said.

Adding that there are many Ohioans who cannot afford liability insurance and lack access to public transportation, the Democrat said, "We need something else. We need to look at the possibility that there may be extenuating circumstances."

Rep. Henne replied by saying that if someone does not have the financial means to obtain liability insurance, they don't have the financial means to drive a vehicle.

"Should we allow people to run through red lights if they are late for work?" he asked.

The legislation passed the House in May on a largely party-line vote of 62-35, with Reps. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) and Louis Terhar (R-Cincinnati) voting with the Democrats on opposition. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 25, 2016)

Medical Board Closes Investigation Into Dayton Abortion Clinic

Anti-abortion groups on Tuesday called for further government action against a Dayton-area clinic following the State Medical Board of Ohio's closure of a case involving the facility.

Ohio Right to Life and Dayton Right to Life urged the board to either disclose the investigative record or reopen the probe into Women's Med Center in Kettering regarding a June incident in which a patient received an abortion despite being unable to consent due to a drug overdose.

Dayton Right to Life filed complaints with the board earlier this year after an incident report from the Ohio Department of Health. The patient had taken a number of drugs the day of the scheduled abortion and was unable to walk on her own or keep her eyes open, according to the report. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, August 4, 2016)

Paul Coudron, executive director of Dayton Right to Life, said he received a notice from the Medical Board that the cases against the doctors at the facility had been closed with no action taken.

"The women of Dayton deserve to know why no action, not even a reprimand, has been taken by this institution," he said at a Columbus news conference.

Mr. Coudron and Devin Scribner, executive director of Ohio Right to Life, said they want the board either to release the record of their investigation or to reopen the case.

"Today we're here to call for action from the State Medical Board," Mr. Scribner said. "Case closed is not good enough for us."

Katherine Franklin, spokeswoman for Ohio Right to Life, said the issue is one of informed consent and should be of concern for Ohioans regardless of their attitudes toward abortion.

"This is much more a question of ethics in medicine more than it is politics," she said. "Pro-choice and pro-life advocates should be demanding action on this case, because it gets to the heart of a woman's right to say no and control her own bodily autonomy."

Michael Gonidakis, the president of Ohio Right to Life, serves as president of the State Medical Board but said he would recuse himself in the case. The investigation was closed by board staff and never required a hearing before the board.

Tessie Pollock, a spokeswoman for the board, said the details of complaints and investigations are confidential.

"When we receive complaints about informed consent, we investigate fully, as we do with all complaints against licensees," she said in an email. "Informed consent is an essential part of a physician's standard of care; failure to obtain informed consent is a failure to meet the minimal standard of care required of Ohio licensed physicians."

Investigative staff at the board have access to medical records, interviews with providers, patients, complainants and experts, and can subpoena documents, she said.

Kellie Copeland, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio, said the case has been reviewed and closed.

"When this case opened, the Ohio Department of Health investigated and asked the provider to rewrite their policy, which they did," she said in a statement. "Both the health department and the State Medical Board have looked into this case, and neither have decided additional action is necessary. Case closed."

"Women in Ohio need access to safe and legal abortion care from providers like Women's Med Center," she added. "They don't need political interference from Ohio Right to Life."

Buckeye Institute Touts Charity Care; OSMA Launches Opioid Campaign; Innovation Ohio Eyes Food Insecurity

The state could encourage more affordable health care by incentivizing doctors to perform charity care, according to a policy brief by the Buckeye Institute.

Bureaucratic hurdles in Medicaid create a situation in which doctors often refuse new patients, and limitations on voluntary charity care would help doctors and nurses reach more people, wrote Greg Lawson, Statehouse liaison for the Buckeye Institute.

The policy brief encouraged lawmakers to allow health care professionals to receive continuing education credits in exchange for providing charity care to underserved Ohioans. Other states, such as Florida, allow medical professionals to earn credit for up to a certain number of hours or a certain percentage of credit per renewal period. Bills have been introduced (HB 488 and SB 292) to deal with these issues.

"Healthcare providers must maintain a requisite number of CE credits to practice in Ohio, and allowing some of those credits to be earned through charity care will increase the supply of quality treatment available to the poor," Mr. Lawson wrote.

Other possible changes that would improve access to charity care include broadening immunity provisions that protect charity care providers from malpractice lawsuits, the brief said, and relaxing regulatory requirements on licensed nurses. A bill (HB 216) to increase the autonomy of advanced practice registered nurses has cleared the House and is currently before a Senate committee.

"These are examples of the kind of reforms that could be pursued as policymakers devise ways to extend access to more affordable healthcare to our neediest patients and communities," Mr. Lawson wrote.

OSMA Opioid Campaign: The Ohio State Medical Association has launched a campaign aimed at fighting the problem of misuse and abuse of opioid painkillers.

The campaign, called BeSmart, includes posters and prescription pads for doctors and prescribers to use that raise awareness of information about the potentially addictive and dangerous drugs.

The materials include links and numbers for drug-related resources and advice for people who are prescribed opioids, people who are prescribed non-opioid treatments, and for talking to children about drug abuse.

Food Insecurity Report: An investment of \$16 million in the Ohio State Extension nutrition education programs could lift 24,000 Ohioans out of food insecurity, according to a report from the Innovation Ohio Education Fund.

The report looked at a number of potential policy solutions for dealing with the state's high rate of food insecurity, including improving the nutrition education programs, expanding the number of counties with SNAP eligibility waivers, reforming the state earned income tax credit and investing in job creation programs.

It found the education funding to be highly effective, while grading it a medium for efficiency and political feasibility.

"Based on the above analysis, I recommend that the state of Ohio expand its nutrition education program and expand the number of counties with SNAP eligibility waivers," author Rob Moore wrote. "EITC reforms and job programs, while potentially valuable for other reasons, are unlikely to significantly decrease food insecurity in the state without large, expensive investments."

"A state-funded SNAP-Ed program funded at \$16 million (a modest 0.6% increase in higher education spending for Ohio and one tenth the size of an EITC expansion) would lead to a projected reduction in food insecurity that would lift 24,000 Ohioans out of food insecurity," he added.

Farmers Union Prices Thanksgiving Dinner; AG Warns On Holiday Shopping Scams; DSW Sales Up

Farmers will see less than 20% of consumer dollars spent on popular holiday menu items this year, according to an annual report.

The Thanksgiving edition of the National Farmers Union Farmer's Share publication found that farmers receive 19.4 cents of every food dollar spent on 15 common holiday foods. Most of the cost of traditional fare comes from marketing, processing, wholesaling, distribution and retailing.

Throughout the year, research has found farmers take in a little more than 17 cents for every food dollar consumers spend, NFU said.

"It's important to understand the difference between the price consumers pay for food at the grocery store or restaurant and the commodity prices farmers are paid for their products, NFU President Roger Johnson said in a statement.

"Just recently, food costs started to drop, but farm and ranch families have been plagued by low commodity prices for nearly three years," he said. "Comparatively, the costs associated with the rest of the supply chain have a more pronounced effect on consumers' food prices."

Turkey growers receive about 89 cents per pound retailing at \$1.59, while wheat farmers averaged four cents on a dozen dinner rolls that retail for \$3.29 and dairy producers received \$1.44 for the average \$4.49 gallon of fat free milk, the report shows.

Holiday Shopping: The Better Business Bureau and Attorney General Mike DeWine are working to inform consumers about how to keep themselves and their wallets safe as the holiday shopping season officially kicks off this week.

The AG's office released a list of tips for the estimated 137.4 million shoppers expected to take to stores over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

It includes recommendations to make plans before getting to stores, diligently reading fine print in ads and on "free" offers, and monitor bank accounts for any fraudulent charges.

"We encourage consumers to take some simple steps to protect themselves," Attorney General DeWine said. "Whether they're shopping online or in stores, we encourage people to take their time, understand the details, and ask for help if they need it. Awareness can go a long way in preventing problems."

BBB, meanwhile, has launched a new #AdTruth campaign to highlight common schemes companies use to lure in business and inform shoppers about how to truly find the best deals.

As more purchasing moves to the internet, BBB is also providing information about how to determine if a website or advertising emails are credible.

DSW: Third-quarter sales increased 4.7% to \$697 million compared to the same period last year, when sales decreased 2%, the company reported.

The Columbus-based footwear and accessories retailer also reported net income of \$39 million, or \$0.47 per diluted share. The total includes pre-tax charges from the acquisition of Ebuys, which is another footwear retailer.

"This quarter reflects the first step in our return to year-over-year earnings growth," CEO Roger Rawlins said "After four consecutive declines, we reported a 16% increase in Adjusted Earnings Per Share this quarter."

"Tighter inventory management drove improvements in gross margin which, combined with effective expense management, resulted in an increase in net income," he continued. "We've reduced clearance markdowns and we are positioned to generate more profitable sales in the holiday season."

Governor's Appointment

Northeast Ohio Medical University Board of Trustees: E. Douglas Beach of Northfield (Summit Co.) for a term beginning Nov. 22 and ending Sept. 21, 2024.

Attorney General's Opinion

No. 2016-037. Requested by Athens County Prosecuting Attorney Keller J. Blackburn.
SYLLABUS:

1. A secret service officer appointed pursuant to R.C. 309.07 may serve as a member of a board of township trustees, provided that in his capacity as a township trustee he refrains from participating in any discussions, deliberations, negotiations, or votes under R.C. 309.09(B) to retain legal counsel other than the prosecuting attorney to advise or represent the township, and in his capacity as a secret service officer he shall not be permitted or required to conduct any criminal investigatory activities or functions in connection with criminal charges that may be brought by the prosecuting attorney or other prosecuting authority against officers or employees of the township.

2. A legal secretary appointed pursuant to R.C. 309.06 may serve as a member of a board of township trustees, provided that in her capacity as a township trustee she refrains from participating in any discussions, deliberations, negotiations, or votes under R.C. 309.09(B) to retain legal counsel other than the prosecuting attorney to advise or represent the township.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Tuesday, November 29

Power Siting Board, Rm. 11B, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 30

Aerospace & Aviation Technology Committee, Rm. 122, Statehouse, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

Monday, November 28

Auditor of State Dave Yost media availability on open enrollment, Auditor of State Ceremonial Office, Statehouse, Columbus, 2 p.m.

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Daily Activity Planner for Wednesday, November 23

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

No agency meetings scheduled.

Event Planner

No events scheduled.

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From: Blessing, Heather
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Dear Republican Members and Staff:

A list of Controlling Board actions from the Monday, December 5, 2016 meeting is attached and available online (<https://www.ecb.ohio.gov/Public/ShowAgenda.aspx>).

Amended:

- Item #15 (OSU0100852-17: *The Ohio State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$33,000.00 from Fund 7024, ALI C315ET (Research Portal - Project), in FY17, for the Research Portal project in Columbus, Franklin County*) was updated to correct a fund number.

Objections

- Item #1 (AGO0100474 -17: *The Attorney General's Office respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer \$1,309,070.39 in cash and appropriation from Fund 5KM0, ALI 911614, CB Emergency Purposes to Fund R004, ALI 055631 General Holding Account to pay half of the court ordered attorney fees and expenses in the cases of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), et al., v. Husted, et al., and Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1, et al., v. Husted et al.*) – was passed by a vote of 6-1 (with Sen. Coley objecting).

Substitutions

- Rep. Scherer was appointed to serve as designee for Rep. Smith.

All other items were approved without objection. The next meeting of the Controlling Board is scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2016 at 1:30PM in the North Hearing Room of the Statehouse. Please contact me if you have any questions or need of additional information.

Sincerely,
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**CONTROLLING BOARD
OHIO OFFICE OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**

December 5, 2016 Agenda

*The meeting of the Controlling Board will be held at 1:30 p.m.,
in the North Hearing Room of the Statehouse Senate Office Building.*

- 1 AGO0100474 -17 The Attorney General's Office respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer \$1,309,070.39 in cash and appropriation from Fund 5KM0, ALI 911614, CB Emergency Purposes to Fund R004, ALI 055631 General Holding Account to pay half of the court ordered attorney fees and expenses in the cases of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH), et al., v. Husted, et al., and Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 1, et al., v. Husted et al.

- 2 AUD0100032 -17 The Auditor of State's Office respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the total amount of \$188,170, with \$150,536 from Fund 4220, ALI 070602 (Public Audit Expense - Local Govts) and \$37,634 from Fund 1090, ALI 070601 (Public Audit Expense - Intrastate), in FY17, to renew the teammate electronic workpaper software maintenance and support license with Wolters Kluwer Financial Services.

- 3 AUD0100033 -17 The Auditor of State respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$222,500.00 from fund 5840, ALI 070603 (Auditor Training Expense), in FY17, to contract with Central Ohio Chapter (COC) Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Columbus, Franklin County, for co-sponsorship of 2017 Emerging Trends Fraud Conference.

- 4 AUD0100034 -17 The Auditor of State's Office respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to increase appropriation in the amount of \$3,134,000 in fund 6750, ALI 070605 (Uniform Accounting Network), in FY17, to replace computer hardware for the Uniform Accounting Network clients. There are currently 1,935 local governmental entities that use UAN. \$3,134,000 is inclusive of computer hardware, software, installation, data security, and antivirus software.

- 5 UAK0100148 -17 University of Akron respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$61,795.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C25000 (Basic Renovations-UAPD Relocation and Renovation) and an agency released competitive opportunity per R.C. 127.162 to contract with DS Architecture, Kent, Portage County, in FY17, to provide professional design services for the Basic Renovation - UAPD Relocation and Renovation project in Akron, Summit.

- 6 BGU0100127 -17 Bowling Green State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$27,151.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C24051 (Campus-wide HVAC Upgrades), in FY17, for the Campus-wide HVAC Upgrades project in Bowling Green, Wood County.

- 7 CCC0100103 -17 Cuyahoga Community College respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$59,560.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C37800 (Basic Renovations), in FY17, and agency released competitive opportunity per R.C. 127.162 to contract with CT Consultants, Inc., to provide architectural design services for the Corporate College East Parking Lot Rehabilitation, Eastern Campus, Cuyahoga County.
- 8 ESC0100042 -17 Edison State Community College respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$30,250.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C39016 (Roof Replacement), in FY17, for professional design services for the Roof Replacement - West Hall 2nd Floor project in Piqua, Miami County. (Project #ESC1700004)
- 9 ESC0100043 -17 Edison State Community College respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$19,700.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C39019 (Parking Lot Resurfacing), in FY17, for professional design services for the Parking Lot Resurfacing - Lot #1 project in Piqua, Miami County. (Project #ESC1700005)
- 10 LOR0100035 -17 Lorain County Community College respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer capital appropriation in the amount of \$150,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C38311 (Workforce Based Training & Equipment) to Cuyahoga Community College's Fund 7034, ALI C37805 (Workforce Based Training & Equipment), and to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$150,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C38311 (Workforce Based Training & Equipment), in FY17, to purchase equipment for the RAPIDS Workforce Based Training and Equipment Program in Elyria, Lorain County.
- 11 OHU0100312 -17 Ohio University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer capital appropriation in the amount of \$160,740.62, which includes previously released capital appropriation in the amount of \$46,644.72, from Fund 7034, ALI C30120 (Herrold Hall Renov - Lancaster), to Fund 7034, ALI C30074 (Basic Renovations-Lancaster), and to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$24,799.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C30074 (Basic Renovations-Lancaster), in FY17, for the design phase of the Herrold Hall Roof Project at Ohio University's Lancaster Campus, Fairfield County.
- 12 OHU0100313 -17 Ohio University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$836,750.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C30025 (Southeast Library Warehouse), in FY17, for the construction phase of the Southeast Library Warehouse project in Athens, Athens County.
- 13 OSU0100849 -17 The Ohio State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$3,255,800.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C315DQ (Elevator Safety Repair and Replacements), in FY17, for the Elevator Safety Repair and Replacements project in Columbus, Ohio, Franklin County.
- 14 OSU0100850 -17 The Ohio State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$321,281.12 from Fund 7034, ALI C315X2 (Integrated Tech Infrastructure), in FY17, for the Integrated Tech Infrastructure project in Columbus, Franklin County.

- 15 OSU0100852 -17 The Ohio State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$33,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C315ES (Research Portal - Project), in FY17, for the Research Portal project in Columbus, Franklin County.
- 16 UTO0100230 -17 University of Toledo respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$2,769,242.26 from Fund 7034, ALI C34068 (Academic Technology and Renovation), in FY17, for the Academic Technology and Renovation project in Toledo, Lucas County.
- 17 WSU0100183 -17 Wright State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$249,982.70 from Fund 7034, ALI C27570 (Envelope Repairs), in FY17, for the Envelope Repairs project in Fairborn, Greene County.
- 18 WSU0100184 -17 Wright State University respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$225,500.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C27559 (Progressive Agricultural Convention and Educational (PACE) Center), in FY17, which include an agency released competitive opportunity to contract with SPGB Architects, Dublin, Franklin Co., for the Progressive Agricultural Convention & Educational Center project in Celina, Mercer County.
- 19 BOR0100368 -17 The Department of Higher Education respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer capital appropriation in the amount of \$750,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C23530 (Technology Initiatives) to The Ohio State University Fund 7034, ALI C315X2 (Integrated Tech Infrastructure), in FY17, for Integrated Technology Infrastructure Projects in Columbus, Franklin County.
- 20 BOR0100369 -17 The Ohio Department of Higher Education respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer capital appropriation in the amount of \$33,000.00 from Fund 7034, ALI C23551 (Research Portal) to The Ohio State University ALI C315ES (Research Portal Project), in FY17, for the Research Portal project in Columbus, Franklin County.
- 21 ADJ0100400 -17 The Adjutant General's Department respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriations in the amount of \$40,082.06, which is comprised of \$30,061.55 from fund 3420, ALI C74537 (Basic Renovations) and \$10,020.52 from fund 7026, C74535 (Renovations Projects) to execute the window and door Replacement Project at Building 943 of the Rickenbacker Army Enclave in Franklin County.
- 22 ADJ0100401 -17 The Adjutant General's Department respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriations in the amount of \$71,729.00, which is comprised of \$53,796.75 from fund 3420, ALI C74537 (Basic Renovations) and \$17,932.25 from fund 7026, C74535 (Renovations Projects) to execute the Window and Door Replacement Project at Building 944 of the Rickenbacker Army Enclave in Franklin County.

- 23 AD30100402 -17 The Adjutant General's Department respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$6,000.00 from Fund 3420, ALI 745616 (Army National Guard) in FY17 for Apex Fabrication & Design Inc., Boyertown, PA., to install a new access point entry security gate at the Joint Force Headquarters in Beightler Armory located in Columbus.
- 24 AGR0100285 -17 The Ohio Department of Agriculture respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release appropriation in the amount of \$249,745.00 from Fund 7057, ALI C70009 (Agricultural Easement), in FY17, which include an agency released competitive selection to purchase an agricultural easement through the following local sponsor: Three Valley Conservation Trust. The total purchase will be for a property in Preble County totaling 448.041 acres.
- 25 DEV0103031 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$9,000,000 from fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to 34 nonprofit agencies through the Supportive Housing Program.
- 26 DEV0103032 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$9,253,200 from Fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to 39 nonprofit and local government agencies through the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP).
- 27 DEV0103042 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$356,800 from fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to the Ohio CDC Association (OCDCA) located in the city of Columbus, Franklin County.
- 28 DEV0103043 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$490,000.00 from Fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low and Moderate Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO), located in the city of Columbus, Franklin County.
- 29 DEV0103044 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$200,000 from fund 6460, ALI 195638 (Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Programs), in FY17, to Habitat for Humanity of Ohio (Habitat), to construct or rehabilitate single-family homes for low-income families across the state.
- 30 DEV0103048 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release funds in the amount of \$10,025,073.00 from Fund 6460, ALI 195638, (Low and Moderate Income Housing Programs), in FY17, for the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to administer the Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP).
- 31 DEV0103049 -17 The Development Services Agency (DSA) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of a \$500,000 Regional 166 Direct Loan to Thomas Steel, Inc. and co-borrower Thomas Equipment & Leasing LLC, for the purchase of equipment to be located at 305 Elm Street, Bellevue, Ohio 44811 in Huron County (Project Site).

- 32 DEV0103050 -17 The Development Services Agency (DSA) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of a \$250,000 Regional 166 Direct Loan to T & B Manufacturing Services, LLC for the purchase of equipment to be located at 375 Center Street, Miamiville, Ohio 45147 in Hamilton County (Project Site).
- 33 DEV0103051 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$200,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH) located in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 34 DEV0103052 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$37,269.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Kent State University (KSU) located in the City of Kent, Portage County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 35 DEV0103053 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$50,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to University of Toledo (UT) located in the City of Toledo, Lucas County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 36 DEV0103054 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$250,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to University of Akron (UA) located in the City of Akron, Summit County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 37 DEV0103055 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7011, ALI 195687 (Third Frontier Research & Development Projects), in FY17, to The Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 38 DEV0103056 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7011, ALI 195687 (Third Frontier Research & Development Projects), in FY17, to Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 39 DEV0103057 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to The Ohio State University (OSU) located in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 40 DEV0103058 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to University of Cincinnati (UC) located in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.

- 41 DEV0103059 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$500,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to UHHS, Inc., (UH) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 42 DEV0103060 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$100,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to GlobalFlyte, Inc., located in the City of Akron, Summit County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 43 DEV0103061 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$150,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to ICBM Medical, Inc., located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 44 DEV0103062 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$150,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Med-Compliance IQ, LLC, located in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 45 DEV0103063 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$100,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Smart 3D Solutions, located in the City of Akron, Summit County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 46 DEV0103064 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$40,000.00 from fund 7011, ALI 195687 (Third Frontier R&D Projects), in FY17, to UHHS, Inc., (UH) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, for its Technology Validation and Start-up Fund project.
- 47 DEV0103065 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$9,207,100.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (R&D Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to CincyTech, LLC (CincyTech) located in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, to advance the Entrepreneurial Services Program.
- 48 DEV0103066 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$18,799,086.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (R&D Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to JumpStart Inc. (JumpStart) located in the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, to advance the Entrepreneurial Services Program.
- 49 DEV0103067 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$9,170,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (R&D Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Rev1 Ventures (Rev1) located in the City of Columbus, Franklin County, to advance the Entrepreneurial Services Program.

- 50 DEV0103068 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$3,595,706.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (R&D Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, to Ohio University (OU - TechGROWTH) located in the City of Athens, Athens County, to advance the Entrepreneurial Services Program.
- 51 DEV0103071 -17 The Development Services Agency respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release \$1,000,000.00 from fund 7014, ALI 195692 (Research & Development Taxable Bond Projects), in FY17, for a Commercial Acceleration Loan Fund loan to NaviStone, Inc. located in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.
- 52 DEV0103074 -17 The Development Services Agency (DSA) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of a \$500,000 Regional 166 Direct Loan from fund 7037, 195615 (Facilities Establishment) in FY17, to KDL Properties LLC (KDLP) for the purchase and renovation of real estate located at 2000-2050 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43207 in Franklin County (Project Site).
- 53 DEV0103075 -17 The Development Services Agency (DSA) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of a \$500,000 Regional 166 Direct Loan from fund 7037, ALI 195615 (Facilities Establishment) in FY17, to Arnold Machine, Inc. (AMI) for the purchase machinery & equipment to be located at 19 Heritage Drive, Tiffin, Ohio 44883 in Seneca County (Project Site).
- 54 ETH0100003 -17 The Ohio Ethics Commission (Commission) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to increase appropriation authority in the amount of \$90,000 in FY 2017 for Fund 4M60, line item 146601 - Operating Expenses.
- 55 DOH0100353 -17 The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to establish appropriation for Fund 5SH0, ALI 440520, Wishes for Sick Children, in the amount of \$150,000 for SFY17.
- 56 DOH0100356 -17 The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$12,424.95 from fund GRF, ALI 440451 (Public Health Laboratory) in SFY17 to purchase upgraded Windows 7 compatible analysis software for the operations of sequencing based assays on the Applied Biosystems 3130xi Genetic Analyzer (ABI 3130xi) from Life Technologies Corporation, Carlsbad, CA, for the Public Health Laboratory (PHL).
- 57 DOH0100357 -17 The Ohio Department of Health respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$72,559.11 from Fund 4730, ALI 440622 (Lab Operating Expense), for SFY17 to purchase newborn screening supplies from Eppendorf North America, Hauppauge, New York, for the Public Health Laboratory (PHL).
- 58 DOH0100358 -17 The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to increase appropriation authority in the amount of \$1,550,000 in SFY17 for Fund 4730, ALI 440622, Lab Operating Expenses for the Newborn Screening Program.

- 59 JFS0100403-1617 The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) respectfully requests Controlling Board approval of an amendment to a previously approved contract with Xerox State & Local Solutions, Inc., Fairfax, Virginia, in the amount of \$45,000 in FY17, to add an additional deliverable to provide a monthly outreach service for parents who recently establish paternity for a child and there is not an existing case in the Support Enforcement Tracking System (SETS) and for unmarried mothers who recently had a child in Ohio and paternity is not established with the Centralized Paternity Registry (CPR).
- 60 DMH0100621-17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$50,000.00 from Fund 7033, ALI C58001 (Community Assistance Projects), in FY17 for Family Recovery Center in Lisbon, Columbiana County, a contract agency of the Columbiana County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board.
- 61 DMH0100622-17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from Fund 7033, ALI C58001 (Community Assistance Projects), in FY17 for Mental Health and Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties, in Newark, Licking County, Ohio.
- 62 DMH0100624-17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$872,555.00 from Fund 7033, ALI C58008 (Emergency Improvements), in FY 17, including an agency released opportunity in the amount of \$812,555.00 for Westfield Electric of Gibsonburg, Ohio, and \$60,000 in contingency, for Project DMH-150012, Transformer and Emergency Generator Replacement at Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital.
- 63 DMH0100625-17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$490,000 from Fund 7033, ALI C58004, Demolition, and ALI C58000, Hazardous Materials Abatement in FY 17, including an agency released competitive opportunity in the amount of \$447,000.00 for Pro Quality Land Development, Inc. of Campbell, Ohio and \$43,000.00 in contingency, for Project DMH-160015, Building, Tunnel, and Site Demolition at Northcoast Behavioral Health in Northfield, Ohio, Summit County.
- 64 DMH0100626-17 The Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 from Fund 7033, ALI C58001 (Community Assistance Projects), in FY17 for House of Hope, Inc. in Columbus, Franklin County, a contract agency of the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Board.
- 65 DMR0100376-17 The Department of Developmental Disabilities respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$15,000 for FY17, from Fund 3250, ALI 322612 (Community Social Services Programs), to amend the contract with Shelden & Rush LLC, Morgantown, North Carolina to provide training and technical assistance on evidence based early intervention services within the context of federal Part C of IDEA regulations and intent.

- 66 DMR0100377 -17 The Department of Developmental Disabilities respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for an agency release competitive opportunity in the amount of \$83,200 in FY17 from fund 3A40, ALI 653605 (DC and Residential Services and Support), to contract with Dr. Stuart Bassman, Cincinnati, Hamilton County to provide psychology services to residents of the Southwest Ohio Developmental Center.
- 67 DMR0100382 -17 The Department of Developmental Disabilities respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$25,000 from fund 3A40, ALI 653605 (DC and Residential Services and Support), in FY17, to contract with PCA-Corrections, LLC dba Choice Pharmacy, to provide medications necessary to treat individuals at the Cambridge Developmental Center.
- 68 DNR0101168 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$1,300,382.55 from Fund 7035, ALI C725B5 (Buckeye Lake Dam Rehabilitation), in FY17, which includes a waiver of competitive selection per O.R.C. 127.16B to amend the contract with ASI Constructors Inc. to provide Construction Manager at Risk professional services at Buckeye Lake State Park located in Millersport, Ohio in Fairfield and Licking Counties.
- 69 DNR0101222 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriations in the amount of \$1,021,046.81 from Fund 7031, ALI C725E5 (Project Planning) and \$1,842,133.19 from Fund 7035, ALI C725E6 (Project Planning), in FY17, for a total of \$2,863,183.00, which include a waiver of competitive selection to amend the owner's agent contract with Hill International, Inc., Philadelphia, PA.
- 70 DNR0101223 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$20,608.13 from Fund 7086, ALI C725A7 (Cooperative Grant Funding for Boat Facilities), in FY17, for improvements to the boat ramp at AW Marion State Park located in Circleville, Ohio in Pickaway County.
- 71 DNR0101224 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$878,742.78 from fund 7031, ALI C725N8 (Operations Facility Development), in FY17, to purchase equipment used to support land management operations and protect public health & safety.
- 72 DNR0101226 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$8,143,168.40 from Fund 7035, ALI C725R4 (Dam Rehabilitation - Parks), in FY17, for dam spillway improvements at Indian Lake State Park located in Lakeview, Ohio in Logan County.
- This total includes a contingency in the amount of \$740,288.00.
- 73 DNR0101227 -17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$307,228.00 from Fund 7035, ALI C725R4 (Dam Rehabilitation - Parks), in FY17, which includes a waiver of competitive selection per O.R.C. 127.16B to amend the contract with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to provide design and construction administration services at Indian Lake State Park located in Lakeview, Ohio in Logan County.

- 74 DNR0101228-17 The Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation and a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$7,500 from Fund 7031, ALI C725J0 (Nature Preserves/Preserve Maintenance/Facilities), in FY17, to amend the contract with Environmental Design Group, LLC to provide design and bidding assistance for the boardwalk at the Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve located in Mentor, Ohio in Lake County.
- 75 DNR0101229-17 The Ohio Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$10,500,000 from fund 7061, ALI C72514 (Clean Ohio Trail Fund), in FY17, for the Clean Ohio Trails Fund (COTF) grants statewide.
- 76 DNR0101230-17 The Ohio Department of Natural Resources respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital funds in the amount of \$2,979,478 from fund 7031, ALI C725E1 (Local Parks Projects Statewide), in FY17, for Round 23 of the Local Parks Projects Statewide NatureWorks grant program.
- 77 PUB0100128-17 The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$27,300.00 from fund 4C70, ALI 019601 (Multi-County: County Share) and fund GRF, ALI 019403 (Multi-County: State Share), in FY17, to contract with Roxanne Hoover, Esq., Portsmouth Ohio, to provide representation to indigent persons in Jackson County as part of the agency's Multi-County Branch Office Program.
- 78 PUB0100129-17 The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$27,300.00 from fund 4C70, ALI 019601 (Multi-County: County Share) and fund GRF, ALI 019403 (Multi-County: State Share), in FY17, to contract with Meadows Law Office, LLC (through the services of Gene Meadows, Esq.), Portsmouth Ohio, to provide representation to indigent persons in Jackson County as part of the agency's Multi-County Branch Office Program.
- 79 PUB0100130-17 The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$27,300.00 from fund 4C70, ALI 019601 (Multi-County: County Share) and fund GRF, ALI 019403 (Multi-County: State Share), in FY17, to contract with The Law Office of Richard M. Nash, Jr. (through the services of Richard M. Nash, Jr., Esq.), Portsmouth Ohio, to provide representation to indigent persons in Jackson County as part of the agency's Multi-County Branch Office Program.
- 80 PUB0100131-17 The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$27,300.00 from fund 4C70, ALI 019601 (Multi-County: County Share) and fund GRF, ALI 019403 (Multi-County: State Share), in FY17, to contract with Skaggs Law Office (through the services of Justin W. Skaggs, Esq.), Jackson Ohio, to provide representation to indigent persons in Jackson County as part of the agency's Multi-County Branch Office Program.
- 81 PUB0100132-17 The Public Defender Commission respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to establish appropriation authority in the amount of \$26,700.00 in fund 4060, ALI 019603 (Training and Publications), in FY17, to sponsor certified legal education (CLE) training seminars with the general objective of training and educating attorneys and others in the legal representation of indigent persons.

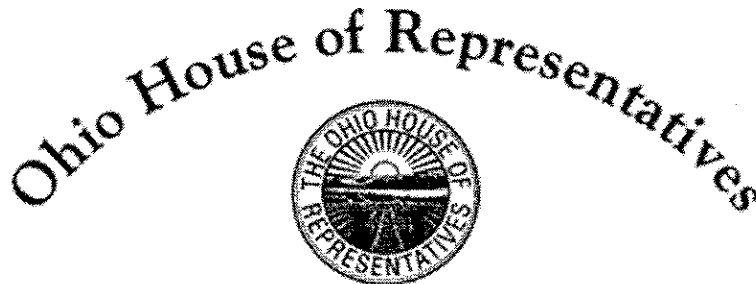
- 82 DPS0100450 -17 The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$572,254.98 with \$450,000 from fund 7036, ALI 761321 (Information & Education Operating) and \$122,254.98 from fund 4W40, ALI 762321 (Operating Expense -BMV) in FY17 to acquire services from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for the implementation of Portable Driver Simulator Systems (PDSS).
- 83 DRC0101441 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to release capital appropriation in the amount of \$126,766.19 from fund 7027, ALI C50136 (General Building Renovation-Statewide), in FY17, for the Roof Replacement project at the Belmont Correctional Institution, St. Clairsville, Belmont County.
- 84 DRC0101542 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for an agency released competitive opportunity in the not-to-exceed amount of \$18,534.75 from fund GRF, ALI 501321 (Institutional Operations), in FY17, to obtain keys and lock supplies from Craftmaster Hardware LLC, Northvale, New Jersey, for the Pickaway Correctional Institution, Orient, Pickaway County.
- 85 DRC0101543 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the amount of \$75,000.00 from fund 3230, ALI 501619 (Federal Grants), in FY17, for Carey Group Publishing, Viera, Florida, for the development of Electronic Direct Intervention Software for use by the Department.
- 86 DRC0101544 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to transfer \$247,000.00 from fund 7027, ALI C50136 (General Building Renovation-Statewide), to fund 7027, ALI C50105 (Water System/Plant Improvements-Statewide), and to release \$447,000.00 from fund 7027, ALI C50105 (Water System/Plant Improvements-Statewide), in FY17, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation project at the Pickaway Correctional Institution, Orient, Pickaway County.
- 87 DRC0101545 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for a waiver of competitive selection in the not-to-exceed amount of \$93,600.00 from fund GRF, ALI 505321 (Institution Medical Services), in FY17, to contract with Edgardo O. Cabatan, Defiance, Defiance County, to provide short-term psychiatric services at various institutions.
- 88 DRC0101548 -17 Rehabilitation and Correction respectfully requests Controlling Board approval for an agency released competitive opportunity in the amount of \$18,975.48 from fund GRF, ALI 501321 (Institutional Operations), in FY17, to obtain Fire Suppression System Inspections from Silco Fire & Security, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, for the Franklin Medical Center, Columbus, Franklin County.
- 89 DOT0100540 -17 Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$430,982.03 for Fiscal Year 2017 in Fund 7002, ALI 772421, Highway Construction-State, for a change order to the contract with Kokosing Construction Company to increase the construction contract amount for the major widening project on IR-75 in Lucas County, for cost escalations due to delay.

- 90 DOT0100541 -17 Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$193,083.54 for Fiscal Year 2017 in Fund 7002, ALI 772421, Highway Construction-State, for a change order to the contract with Kokosing Construction Company to increase the construction contract amount for the major widening project on IR-75 in Lucas County, for a temporary retaining wall.
- 91 DOT0100542 Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval in compliance with Chapter 5526.02 of the Ohio Revised Code in the amount of \$345,287.00 for Fiscal Year 2017 in Fund 7002, ALI 772421, Highway Construction-State, to modify the contract with Richland Engineering Limited, Mansfield, Ohio, Richland County to complete construction contract plans for the rehabilitation of the State Route 176 SB (Jennings Freeway) Bridge over Interstate Route 71 SB in Cuyahoga County, Ohio.
- 92 DOT0100543 -17 The Ohio Department of Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$550,062.53, from fund 7002, ALI 771412 and 771411 (Planning and Research - Federal and State, respectively), in FY17, to contract with the University of Akron Research Foundation, Akron, Ohio, .
- 93 DOT0100544 -17 The Department of Transportation respectfully requests Controlling Board approval to waive competitive selection in the amount of \$1,500,000, from fund 7002, ALI 777475 (Aviation Administration) for Fiscal Year 2017 to collaborate with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) for the continued development and testing of the Ground-Based Sense and Avoid System (GBSAA) at Springfield-Beckley Municipal Airport (KSGH).

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Subject: E-Clips for 1/13/2017

HOUSE E-CLIPS 1/13/2017



KASICH OUTLINES 2017 VISION IN FACE OF BUDGET SHORTFALL

Gov. John Kasich says he is creating a position for a chief innovation officer to pursue and oversee developments in emerging technologies, such as education technology, robotics and data analytics.



KASICH NOT BACKING OFF TOUGH GRADUATION STANDARDS

Despite a Statehouse protest by Ohio superintendents two months ago, Gov. John Kasich said Thursday that he won't back down from tough new state high-school graduation requirements.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY COALITION URGES OHIO NOT TO RESUME EXECUTIONS

At the exact hour a convicted Ohio killer was originally to be executed Thursday, opponents of capital punishment gathered at the Statehouse to urge state officials not to resume lethal injection after a three-year hiatus.

UTILITIES PUSH FOR TOUGH REGULATIONS ON SUBMETER COMPANIES

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio plans to regulate submeter companies, but the state's largest electricity utilities say that regulators are not going far enough to rein in abusive practices by these companies.

SPEAKER ROSENBERGER APPOINTS HOUSE COMMITTEE LEADERS

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, R-Clarksville, has named committee chairs and vice-chairs for the 2017-18 legislative session.

THE PLAIN DEALER

BUSINESS LEADERS ON SCHOOL BOARDS AMONG IDEAS GOV. JOHN KASICH PLANS TO PUT IN THE STATE BUDGET

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday dropped a few more hints about the policy changes tucked into his last two-year state budget.

OHIO DEATH PENALTY OPPONENTS URGE END TO EXECUTIONS OF MENTALLY ILL

Ohio death penalty opponents on Thursday urged Gov. John Kasich and state lawmakers not to resume executions next month after three years of delays.

FORMER YOUNGSTOWN MAYOR JAY WILLIAMS CONSIDERS RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Jay Williams, the former Youngstown mayor and outgoing Obama administration official, is getting serious about a run for Ohio governor in 2018.

THE ENQUIRER

RIGHT-TO-WORK WEAKENS UNIONS, BUT WILL IT BRING JOBS?

Unions terrify some employers.

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AREA LAWMAKERS TO HELP LEAD STATE HOUSE COMMITTEES

State Rep. Steven Arndt (R., Port Clinton) will be the sole state House committee chairman from northwest Ohio in this two-year session.

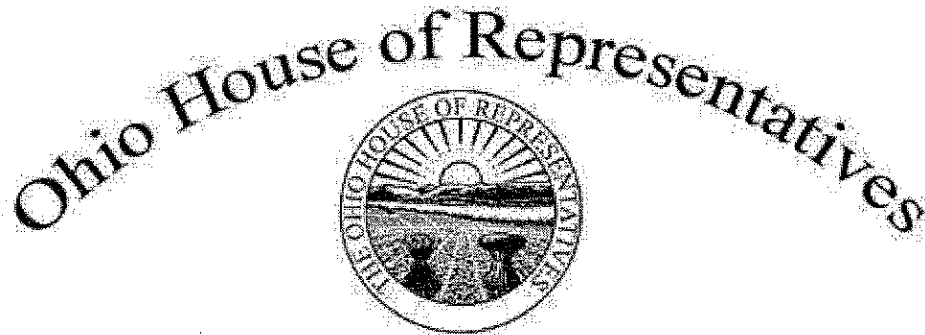
KASICH SAYS HE CAN FILL POTENTIAL \$1 BILLION BUDGET HOLE

Gov. John Kasich will propose a solution to a potential \$1 billion hole in the state's next two-year budget as the federal government closes a sales tax loophole exploited by Ohio to draw down more Medicaid matching funds.

FORMER LEGISLATOR SEEKS NEW TRIAL REGARDING FELONY THEFT CONVICTION

A former state legislator who was kicked out of office after being convicted on a felony theft charge in Danbury Township has requested a new trial in his case following denial of appeals for the original trial.

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Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Thawley, Roanna
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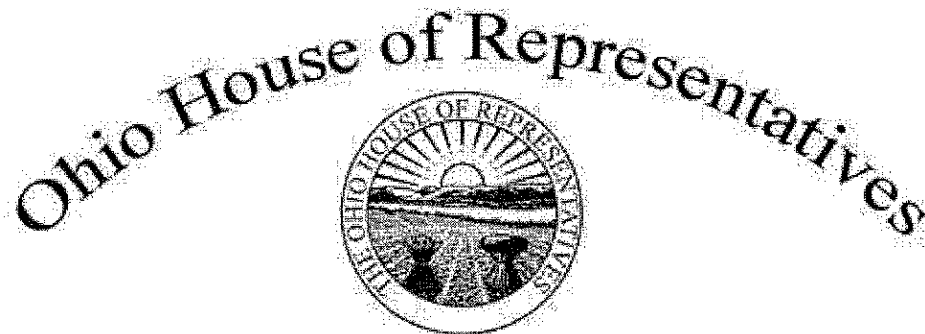
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From: Thawley, Roanna
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 10:34 AM
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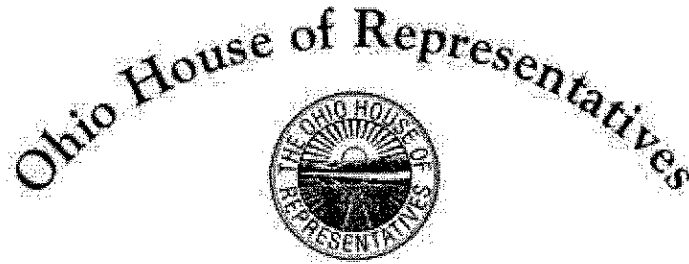
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Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Hucke, Justin
CC: House_All
Subject: Co-sponsor Request: Online Checkbook



To: All House Members
From: Representatives Dever and Greenspan
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In the near future, we plan to reintroduce legislation that will codify a state government expenditure database. This measure is identical to House Bill 46 of the 131st General Assembly, which **passed the House of Representatives in April of 2015 unanimously with 74 co-sponsors.**

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If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding its content, please contact Justin Huckle at 466-8120 or Justin.Huckle@ohiohouse.gov or Bill White at 466-0961 or Bill.White@ohiohouse.gov. **The deadline for co-sponsoring this bill is Friday, February 3rd at 5:00 p.m.**

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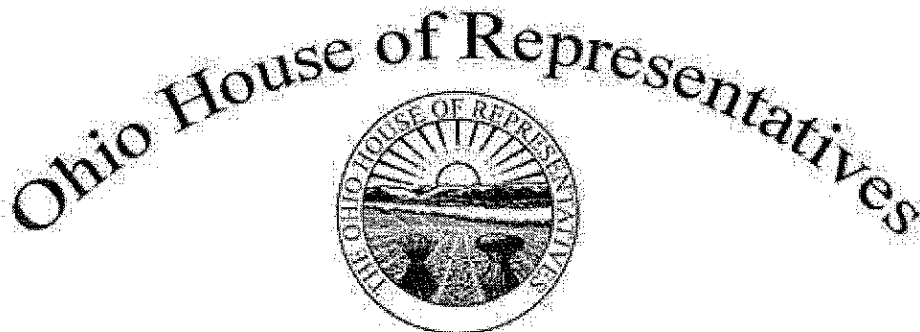
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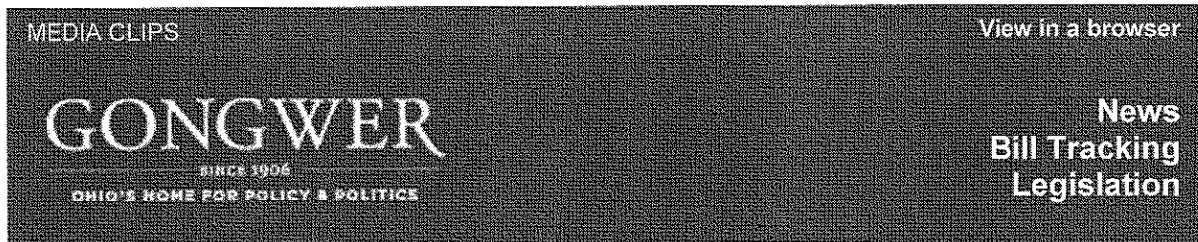
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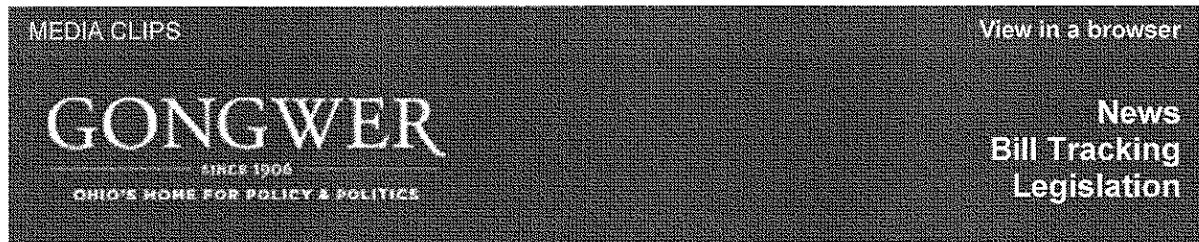
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HOUSE E-CLIPS 2/02/2017



JUDGE BLOCKS OHIO LAW THAT WOULD BAN SOME LOCAL HIRING RULES

A judge has blocked an Ohio law that would have barred local hiring regulations for public projects, such as Cleveland's requirement that city residents get to work on certain projects.



CRITICS SLAM KASICH'S FLAT-FUNDING OF DRUG-ADDICTION FIGHT

Ohio Gov. John Kasich stood firm Wednesday against charges from lawmakers and others that the state is not doing enough to tackle the nation's leading number of drug-overdose deaths, principally from opioids.

KASICH TAX PLAN FACES QUESTIONS FROM HOUSE PANEL

State Budget Director Tim Keen spent about four hours in front of the House Finance Committee Wednesday testifying and answering a variety of questions about Gov. John Kasich's new two-year budget.

KASICH SAYS STATE DID ALL IT COULD TO LAND \$1.4 BILLION AMAZON HUB

Ohio may have landed three Amazon data centers and two distribution centers in the Columbus area, but Gov. John Kasich today lamented one that got away.

KASICH ADMINISTRATION MAKES FINAL PUSH TO MEDICAID MANAGED CARE

Gov. John Kasich plans to move the last group of Medicaid beneficiaries into private managed care plans, more than 150,000 mostly elderly and disabled Ohioans receiving long-term care services at home or in nursing facilities.

THE DAILY BRIEFING: DAVID PEPPER, JANE TIMKEN DIFFER ON WHICH PARTY HAS MORE ENERGY

The first joint appearance of Ohio's current major political party leaders was highlighted by an energy debate.

EDITORIAL: A CHECKUP FOR FISCAL HEALTH

No one can see the future, but there are ways to get an inkling of where things are headed.

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DAYTON MAYOR NAN WHALEY 'CONSIDERING' RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley says she is considering a run for governor in 2018.

KASICH GIVES HIS TAKE ON THE WRIGHT BROTHERS, TRUMP AND OHIO'S

IMAGE

Ohio Gov. John Kasich seemed to be in a feisty mood Wednesday when he fielded questions from the press at a forum sponsored by the Associated Press in Columbus.

OHIO GOV JOHN KASICH REACTS TO LOSS OF 300 AMAZON JOBS TO KENTUCKY

Gov. John Kasich said Amazon picked northern Kentucky over Wilmington in large part because the airport in Covington has plenty of capacity and the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky metro area has the workforce.

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OHIO GOV. JOHN KASICH PROPOSES ADDING BUSINESS EXPERTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS

A proposal from Ohio Gov. John Kasich would add three non-voting members to every local school board to keep them apprised of the needs of the business community.

NEW OHIO GOP CHAIRWOMAN JANE TIMKEN'S MESSAGE FOR KASICH ALLIES: 'I WILL NOT KEEP SCORE'

New Ohio Republican Party Chairwoman Jane Timken pledged Wednesday not to retaliate against those who did not back her campaign.

OHIO TO APPEAL COURT RULING PRESERVING CLEVELAND'S FANNIE LEWIS LAW

The state will appeal a Cuyahoga County court decision that upheld Cleveland's Fannie Lewis Law guaranteeing that local residents get a percentage of work on public projects.

'RIGHT TO WORK' WON'T BE POPULAR IN OHIO, STATE LAWMAKERS SAY

As congressional Republicans consider a national "right to work" law, Ohio state legislators said Ohioans don't necessarily want anti-union legislation.

OHIO'S 2018 U.S. SENATE RACE ON TRACK TO BE EXPENSIVE: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

The Ohio U.S. Senate race in 2018 is on track to get expensive. Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci of Ohio appears to be on the path to run for governor.

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KASICH: LOSING AMAZON HUB ISN'T 'GAME OVER' FOR WILMINGTON

Better job applicants and facilities led Amazon to choose Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport over Wilmington for its worldwide air cargo hub, Ohio Gov. John Kasich told reporters Wednesday.

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BUDGET CHIEF: KASICH CONSERVATIVE ON GROWTH

Gov. John Kasich has warned against lawmakers' using rosier revenue projections to justify additional spending over the next two years, but a legislative agency on Wednesday estimated that revenues will climb at a faster pace than his administration has predicted.

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VALLEY LEGISLATORS APPOINTED AS RANKING DEMS TO STATE HOUSE, SENATE COMMITTEES

Three Ohio House Democrats who represent the Mahoning Valley were named as ranking minority members on committees in the state Legislature.